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MP voices opposition to Post Office franchise plan

ROSIE Cooper has voiced her opposition to plans to run Ormskirk Post Office as a franchise.

The Post Office moved its base from its building on Aughton Street to the back of the W H Smith on Moor Street in February 2017 - much to the disappointment of many customers, it's claimed.

Now the Post Office intend to switch from W H Smith being a host to a franchisee.

West Lancs MP, Ms Cooper commented: "Residents and customers are rightly worried by what seems to be an increasingly privatised and watered-down Post Office service.

"Unions have also contacted me concerned for their staff's futures.

"Our Post Office is owned by the taxpayers and the franchising of our branches to private operators risks losing control over the quality of service, the treatment of staff and the hours of business.

"I have written to the Post Office and W H Smith to oppose this franchising and also to the Business Secretary to ask him to use his influence to stop this and protect our local Post Office branches."

A Post Office spokesperson responded: "Ormskirk Post Office will remain where it is, with the same wide range of Post Office services and longer opening hours to offer more convenience for customers.

"The Post Office branch will be run by W H Smith on a franchise basis in order to safeguard our services for the future. The vast majority of Post Office branches, large and small, are run as franchises with retailers because it is sustainable.

"We take the utmost care supporting our staff and we are talking with them about the changes and their potential options. These include the right to transfer their employment in line with TUPE legislation."

MODEST TEEN SAVED OAP'S LIFE AFTER DOUBLE HEART ATTACK

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Air cadet Jack used first aid skills to tend to 83-year-old until ambulance arrived

A PENSIONER who suffered a double heart attack while waiting at a bus stop has paid tribute to two strangers whose quick thinking probably saved his life.

Modest teenager Jack Lloyd applied first aid at the scene, while an unknown woman who realised how serious the situation was quickly phoned an ambulance.

The 83-year-old, who wishes to be known only as Frank, was on his way home to Rufford from Burscough when he suddenly collapsed.

Thankfully there were a number of people on hand to give assistance, including 17-year-old Jack from Tarleton who used his first aid skills to take care of him until the ambulance arrived.

And by a strange quirk of fate, the two had one thing in a common. Frank served in the RAF during the 1950s, while Jack is a cadet with the 1026 (Ormskirk) Squadron Air Training Corps.

Lifesaver Jack Lloyd.

Jack said: "Frank was sat on the floor leaning against the bus shelter. I asked him what had happened and a lady behind me said he had fallen over. I asked another lady to call an ambulance but she had already done this.

"As I had been trained in first aid I started to assess Frank. It wasn't a particularly hot day but when I asked him how he was feeling he said he was very hot and had beads of sweat on his forehead. I asked him to describe what had happened and he said that he had collapsed and fallen over and when he tried to get back up he had collapsed again.

"From my assessment I believed he'd suffered a heart attack or something similar as he was also complaining of chest pains, breathing heavily and was cradling his left arm and saying it felt numb.

"I took his pulse and that seemed OK but I carried on with first aid by raising his legs and propping him up and continued to monitor him while waiting for the ambulance.

"I got chatting with him to try and keep him calm and Frank told me he had been an armourer in the RAF and lived on a canal boat with his wife.

"I told him I was an air cadet and we were chatting for quite a while until the emergency services arrived.

"I told the ambulance crew what had happened and what I had done and they took him to hospital. I thanked the paramedics and went on with my day."

Speaking to the Champion, Frank said he was told by ambulance staff that he'd had two heart attacks. The retired joiner was taken to Liverpool's Broadgreen Hospital.

He said he particularly wanted to thank Jack and also a woman of about 30, who had two young children with her.

"I never got a chance to thank anybody," he said.

Meanwhile student Jack was reluctant to have any attention drawn to his good deed and had to be persuaded by others to have his story told.

Flight lieutenant Sue Routledge of Ormskirk 1026 Squadron said that the modest student, who hopes to join the RAF, is an "outstanding cadet", who has achieved the rank of sergeant. She said he used the 'heart start' skills from a first aid course that all new cadets undertake.

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Trust says patients who waited more than six weeks for bowel cancer tests 'chose to do so'

Health chiefs refute NHS England report's claims on referral times

by Danielle Thompson

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk NHS Trust has refuted claims that patients are being made to wait longer than national targets for bowel screening tests - and has instead suggested that those who waited more than six weeks 'chose to do so'.

Last week, the Champion revealed that new figures released by NHS England showed that the trust had breached national waiting time targets for potentially life-saving tests to diagnose bowel cancer.

Under NHS rules patients should wait no more than six weeks for a colonoscopy or flexi-sigmoidoscopy, both of which detect the UK's second biggest cancer early on when it is easier to treat, giving patients a greater chance of survival.

The tests use a camera on a thin, flexible cable to look at different parts of the bowel and detect cancer at the earliest stages and remove pre-cancerous growths, known as polyps.

Elaine Deeming, lead cancer nurse

Figures for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, show 113 patients went on a waiting list for a colonoscopy, while 5.3% of those waited six weeks or more.

Meanwhile, for flexi-sigmoidoscopy, 60 patients were on a waiting list, 3.3% of which were waiting more than six weeks.

However, Elaine Deeming, lead cancer nurse at the trust, said: "GPs referred 1,617 patients to the trust with a suspected bowel cancer in the last full year. One in 20 of such patients will receive a cancer diagnosis.

"The small number of patients waiting more than six weeks for a diagnostic test have usually made the choice to do so themselves."

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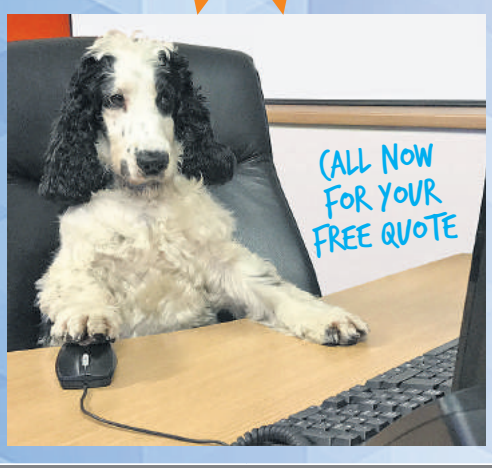

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Gym instructor's drunken attack on girlfriend was 'like something from a horror film' - court told

By our **Court Reporter**

A GYM instructor who works in Ormskirk repeatedly tried to strangle the woman he loved in scenes reminiscent of a 'horror film' after arriving home very drunk, a court has heard.

Luke Robinson's victim genuinely thought he was going to carry out his chilling threats to kill her as he "hunted her down" chasing her through their house and neighbouring gardens.

Now 22-year-old Anna Halliwell-Martin lives in fear of bumping into the man she had planned to spend the rest of her life with.

She choked back tears as she told Liverpool Crown Court how she had feared for her life and the emotional and financial impact including being left with a £10,000 debt for a new kitchen in the home she no longer shares.

The judge ordered Robinson to pay £5,400 compensation and wished Ms Halliwell-Martin well for the future. "I sincerely hope you meet someone else and you are able to trust them. There are a lot of good men out there. I'm sure Mr Robinson is truly remorseful from what I have seen and I hope you can both move forward with your lives."

Recorder Samantha Presland said that the defendant has "abandonment issues" following the breakdown of his parents' marriage and his mum's death and they "caused him to lash out at someone loving him."

Kate Gaskell, prosecuting, said the pair had been together for a couple of years though the last six months had been volatile. They had been living together for a year and Robinson had been diagnosed with depression two months before the incident but was not taking his medication.

On July 21 this year he was out drinking and they started rowing via text message. When he got back to their home in Boyers

Luke Robinson

Avenue, Maghull, he was very drunk and when his girlfriend asked where he had been he got angry and aggressive.

She went to the bathroom but he followed and overpowered her and put his hand around her throat and started squeezing while she tried to kick him off.

Death threats

Ms Halliwell-Martin managed to struggle free and went into another room where Robinson followed calling her 'psycho' and she told him she was leaving.

"But he blocked the doorway and said she was going nowhere . . . and grabbed her around her neck lifting her head up and she could not breathe or scream," said Miss Gaskell.

"She was aware he practised martial arts and knew how to hurt somebody and he was saying, 'I'm going to ******* kill you'. Fearing for her life she bit him on the arm."

He let go but then grabbed her again in the bedroom before she managed to escape downstairs and after grabbing their pet dogs she ran outside.

Robinson, who was wearing just his underpants, ran after her as she made her way to a neighbouring friend's home desperately banging on her windows with him following behind shouting more death threats.

"He grabbed her again, dragged her to the floor and put her in a choke hold. She started going dizzy and felt as if she was going to faint."

Miss Gaskell said fortunately she then heard a man challenging Robinson and she ran to some bushes. But again he followed and had his hands around her throat threatening to kill her.

Robinson then started kicking her car but fortunately the police, alerted by her friend, arrived and he was arrested.

In her impact statement she said: "The night of the incident was absolutely terrifying. I genuinely believed I was going to die. I could not escape from him, every time I tried to get away he was holding me down. It was like a horror film, where there was no way out."

She said how she was worried about bumping into him in Ormskirk, where he works as a personal trainer. She is also suffering from depression and her asthma, triggered by anxiety, has worsened.

32-year-old Robinson, who has no previous convictions, pleaded guilty to common assault and making threats to kill.

Michael Bagley, defending, said, "He is sorry and knows his behaviour is inexcusable. He has mental health issues but is now going for counselling."

Mr Bagley said that Robinson took two years out to care for his mum when she was dying with cancer and her death when he was 22 had a profound affect on him. He is currently working part-time but his employer has told him he can return to full-time work.

Recorder Presland sentenced Robinson to 18 months imprisonment suspended for two years and ordered him to attend a 'building better relationships' programme. She also imposed a restraining order to keep away from the victim.

The Christmas tree and crib outside Ormskirk Parish Church last year.

Popular parish church Christmas tree and crib set to return again

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE popular Christmas tree and crib outside Ormskirk's Parish Church is set to return again this year following its successful reinstatement last year.

The festive feature had been absent in 2016 due to council cuts but following a collaborative fundraising effort by the local community it made a reappearance last year.

And so much money was raised that officials of the Our West Lancashire independent political group - who led the campaign along with Ormskirk Parish Church, Ormskirk CE Primary School, Scott's Butchers and other Church Street retailers - say they don't need to approach local businesses for cash again.

However, some fundraising is required, including for the purchase of new lights.

Our West Lancashire's Jane Thompson said: "Thanks to the incredible generosity of Ormskirk townsfolk and retailers, we have a healthy surplus towards this year's tree and so we will not be approaching hard-pressed retailers this year. However, there is still a financial shortfall to cover. Also we want to raise money for new tree lights to give a little extra magic this year.

"Once again, Halsall-based Massam Supplies Ltd. are working at cost price and they will supply a lovely 26-foot Norwegian Spruce.

"Skelmersdale's P&R Electrical will carry out the lighting of the tree, and the parish church have made insurance arrangements.

"The borough council have stored the crib once again and they have agreed to fund the electricity costs for the lighting and allow use of their electrical supply."

Memories

Ms Thompson, who lives close to the town centre herself, added: "The setting of this tree and the crib against the backdrop of the parish church brings back memories for many local people of their own childhood and we want to create those memories for the children of the town today. Last year, Lois Smith a Year 3 pupil at a local school switched on the lights."

Donations can be made into the collection tin at Scott's Butchers in Church Street; by cheques made payable to Our West Lancashire and marked Christmas Tree Appeal on the rear of the cheque; or via the Our West Lancashire website at www.ourwestlancashire.com/community_action.html.

Facebook appeal sees community donate 300 pairs of shoes for African orphans!

FOR the second year running, the folk of Burscough and surrounding area have opened their hearts to the children of Uganda.

A few lines on the Burscough Community Forum Facebook page, asking for donations of second-hand shoes for the children living in the care of the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation in and around Kampala, got a response charity worker, Liz Tonge, never dreamt of.

Within weeks, bags full of pairs of shoes, many new, appeared almost daily, along with clothes and other donations.

All told volunteers helped to pack 10 full suitcases of shoes - totalling more than 300 pairs!

These will be taken to Uganda next February when, once again, a team from Ormskirk Clocktower Rotary Club and friends will travel to undertake charity work in the children's orphanages of Kamuzinda.

Dave and Liz Tonge, who are leading the trip, wish to thank everyone who supported their work.

Council under fire over 'dilapidated' former charity shop

WEST Lancs Council has come under fire for allowing a former charity shop in Ormskirk town centre to deteriorate into a 'dilapidated' state.

A resident has claimed that Cancer Research were forced to vacate the premises on Aughton Street two years ago to make way for new tenants who have never arrived.

Lavinia Crookham from Ormskirk said: "Surely the council could make the landlord maintain their property as this shop gives a bad impression of the town.

"Over the years this charity shop raised millions for Cancer Research before they were asked to vacate the premises within weeks to allow for new tenants. Two years on the premises are still empty and derelict."

A council spokesman said: "West Lancashire Borough Council has no enforcement powers to make the owners do anything with the building in its current condition.

"The council is however trying to get in contact with the owners of the building to encourage them to improve its appearance."

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Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Cater 'delighted' by Edge Hill's global accolade.

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It scored an 801-1,000 banding in the overall league table and is ranked in the 301-400 banding in the Education table, covering education, teacher training and academic studies in education courses.

The university is ranked in the 501-600 banding on the Social Sciences subject ranking, which covers its geography, sociology and politics degrees.

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Borough's bulky household waste collection service to be relaunched next week

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is relaunching its bulky household waste collection service on Tuesday, November 6 to help residents dispose of their waste responsibly.

The service had to be temporarily suspended following the third party provider used by the authority no longer being able to provide this valuable collection service to the community.

The council has been looking at alternative ways in which the service can be delivered and the collection service will now be carried out by the authority's Street Scene Service.

Residents will be able to book collections from this week (starting Monday October 29) online or by contacting customer services and collections will start the following week.

Collections will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, depending on the area people live in.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie, West kancs Council's cabinet member for Street Scene, said: "The council is really pleased to announce that this service, which provides great value for money to customers, is starting again. The easiest way to book appointments is online via the council's website."

For more details about the service and to book a collection, go to the website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/refuse and click on the link for collections of bulky household items.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie with one of the vehicles to be used for the relaunched bulky waste collection service.

Work is ongoing at Parbold rail level crossing (above) until Sunday.

Reminder about Parbold rail level crossing work

PASSENGERS travelling on the West Lancashire Line between Wigan and Southport are being urged to check before they travel as maintenance work at Parbold level crossing will affect journeys until Sunday, November 4.

During the work a clear diversion is in place for vehicles and pedestrians are able to cross the railway using the nearby subway.

For those with mobility issues, a level crossing attendant is on hand 24 hours a day to provide assisted access for anyone unable to use the stepped subway.

Darren Watts, scheme project manager at Network Rail, said: "This is essential work to keep this level crossing safe for passengers and users for years to come.

"To complete it as quickly and safely as possible, the crossing will be closed for eight days.

"We have worked closely with West Lancashire Borough Council and Northern to minimise any disruption.

"And I'd like to say a big thank-you to passengers and crossing users in advance for their patience."

Demand for police to take action over 'dangerous' parking

Councillor says 'selfish' drivers are putting pedestrians and other road users at risk

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A COUNTY councillor is demanding police action over what she called "selfish and dangerous" parking near to a notorious accident black spot in Ormskirk town centre.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy, who represents the town on Lancashire County Council, said that motorists parking on the pavement on Southport Road near to the junction of County Road are forcing pedestrians - including those with push chairs and wheelchairs - on to the road.

She says that this is happening around the clock but complaints to tenants and the landlord have been ignored.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy says pavement parking on Southport Road is forcing pedestrians on to the road.

'No consideration'

Cllr. Hennessy said: "I have been contacted by many local residents and people from the surrounding area who use this pavement on a regular basis and never before have they come across such selfish and dangerous parking.

"These drivers clearly have no road sense or consideration for their neighbours or the general public, especially people with children or in a wheelchair.

"The police are the only authority who can take action regarding such an obstruction. I have contacted them as a matter of urgency and I would ask local people to do the same - before someone is hurt or seriously injured."

The councillor added that this situation is particularly dangerous for people trying to get past in the mornings, especially with young children.

And it also restricts the views of residents coming out of their driveways on to the road causing a hazard to oncoming traffic, she claimed.

The police have been approached for comment.

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Local farmers win silver at the double at national awards

Report by **Kenny Parker**

TWO farming businesses from West Lancashire have been honoured at the 2018 British Farming Awards.

The Webster family, who rear beef and run Taylors Farm Shop Ltd in Lathom, were awarded silver in the category of Family Farming Business of the Year.

And potato farmer Andrew Webster from Aughton was awarded silver in the Machinery and Farm Technology of the Year category.

The Webster family unit sees Roger Webster and son, Andrew, run the farm, with Roger's wife, Bernie, and their younger son, Joe, managing the retail and butchery side of the farm shop respectively.

The business collectively employs 41 people on a full and part-time basis.

Meanwhile, the 'other' Andrew Webster designed a 'depth control system' which works with the hydraulics of a tractor to more precisely deliver pesticide to the crops roots. His innovation means he uses a third less the amount of pesticide to protect his crops.

More than 700 farmers and industry professionals attended the British Farming Awards 2018 at the National Conference Centre in Birmingham, which showcased the innovation and achievements of British farmers across the agricultural industry.

Organised by AgriBriefing, parent company of publictions Farmers Guardian, Dairy Farmer and Arable Farming, and sponsored by Morrisons stores, the 14 awards welcomed entries from across farming sectors including beef, arable, machinery, agricultural students and diversification.

Above: The Webster farming family which runs Taylors Farm Shop in Lathom and (left) Aughton-based potato farmer Andrew Webster.

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Local authority homes project 'progressing well'

NEW homes being built by Cruden Construction in a project by West Lancs Borough Council are now up for sale.

The council has said that building works are "progressing well" at the Walmsley Drive development, on the former Westec House site close in Derby Street, Ormskirk.

Reservations of the 19 new homes up for sale have opened with property firm Bradley Hall appointed as the marketing agent and four have already been reserved. Details are available at www.walmsley-drive.co.uk.

A show home will be launched at an open weekend on Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11 and prospective buyers can drop in at any time between 9am and 1pm on either day.

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County council's call for public to prepare for winter

Report by **Henry James**

WITH colder weather already beginning to bite Lancashire County Council chiefs are urging residents to do their bit to help themselves and any vulnerable friends and relatives by making sure they are prepared for winter.

A suggested checklist includes stocking up on salt to treat icy paths around the home; preparing vehicles for cold conditions; or making sure elderly or vulnerable neighbours are warm and well.

Meanwhile the county council's fleet of gritters is ready to keep Lancashire moving by treating 1,800 miles of high-priority roads within four hours whenever a freeze is forecast.

And the authority's highways teams have been busy re-stocking more than 2,600 grit bins which are usually on roads that are not on a gritting route, or where there's a particular hazard.

Cabinet member for highways and transport, County Councillor Keith Iddon, said: "We're ready for winter and to do all we can to keep traffic moving on the busiest roads, which make up around a third of all roads in the county.

"At the same time, however, there's a limit to what the county council can do, and we don't try to hide the fact that we can't grit every road. Even if we had the resources to do this we couldn't grit them quickly enough to make a real difference.

"Therefore it's important that everyone does their bit to make sure they're prepared for any cold and icy weather we might get over the winter.

"Conditions are already beginning to get colder so now is the ideal time to check your car tyres, battery, lights, indicators, windscreen wipers and washers and coolant level.

County council highways workers, Paul Ruddock and Ian Miller refilling grit bins as the authority gears up for the cold weather to come

"We'd also ask people to remember to drive according to the conditions in winter. Roads can remain icy even after they've been gritted, so it's vital to drive with caution when conditions are close to, or below, freezing.

"And aside from travelling, winter can be a difficult time for vulnerable people, and we'd ask people to keep an eye on friends, relatives and neighbours. Please check that vulnerable people are keeping warm, and see whether they might need help with shopping or visiting the doctor if you think they could have difficulty getting out."

Grateful

The county council re-stocks grit bins and salt heaps as often as possible, but is also urging people to help by using them responsibly. Grit bins are provided in places where ice could cause a particular risk, such as on steep bends, and the salt should only be used to make the roads and pavements safer for everyone.

Cllr. Iddon added: "Grit bins play a vital part in helping to keep our roads and pavements safe and we're grateful for people using it to provide better traction on any icy patches. However I'd like to emphasise that this salt is only for use on roads and pavements, and we'd ask people to use it responsibly and sparingly to make it last as long as possible. In most places a fine coating will be effective, with only around a tablespoon being needed to cover a square metre, so a shovelful will go a long way.

"You can buy grit for your personal use from a range of DIY stores and it's important that the material in grit bins is still there when it's needed for the roads and pavements."

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Councillors unite to oppose fracking plans law change

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs borough councillors have voted unanimously to provide a robust response to Government plans to take decisions about fracking out of local authorities' hands.

The Government is consulting on proposals to change legislation to redefine non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration applications as 'permitted development', designed for developments with low environmental impacts, such as loft conversions and chimney replacements.

It is also consulting on plans to redefine large-scale shale gas production sites as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP), thus removing any local authority control and community involvement in decision-making.

Councillor for Halsall, Maureen Mills, who is also chairperson of Halsall Against Fracking which opposes plans by Aurora Energy Resources to frack for shale gas at Atcar Moss, tabled a motion at a full meeting of West Lancs Council calling for the authority to reject the proposals.

Cllr. Mills campaigning against fracking.

The motion asked the council to note that a cross-party report by the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee warned the Government against bringing fracking applications under the NSIP regime, concluding that the Mineral Planning Authorities (in Lancashire's case the county council) were best placed to understand the local area and how fracking could best take place.

The motion stated that West Lancashire Borough Council is committed to the principles of localism, and the involvement of local communities in decisions that affect their environment, their health and safety and their well-being. It also said that permitted development is an inappropriate category for drilling with such wide-reaching implications for local communities and climate change.

The council also agreed that the director of development and regeneration "continues to work on a robust response to the consultation" and "where possible does so jointly with other local authorities who share these opinions".

Following the unanimous vote to pass the motion, Cllr Mills said: "Councils, residents and MPs country-wide have thrown their weight against these proposals.

"Local democracy underpins our society and both proposals threaten to erode everything that we hold dear in this country.

"Local people should make local decisions and in the UK it is only in England that fracking is being forced on unwilling communities. Scotland, Wales and a Northern Ireland have said no to fracking.

"To try to force these proposals through would be the last straw and a full Parliamentary debate will highlight the error of this Government's intentions."

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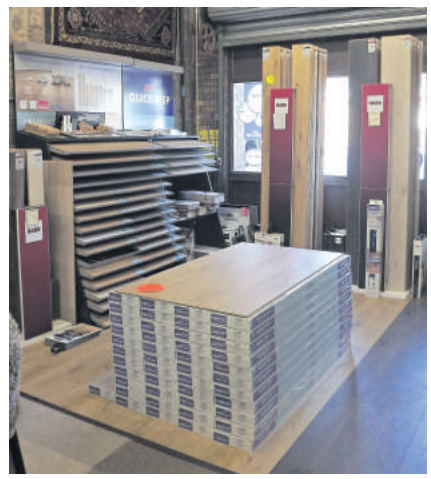
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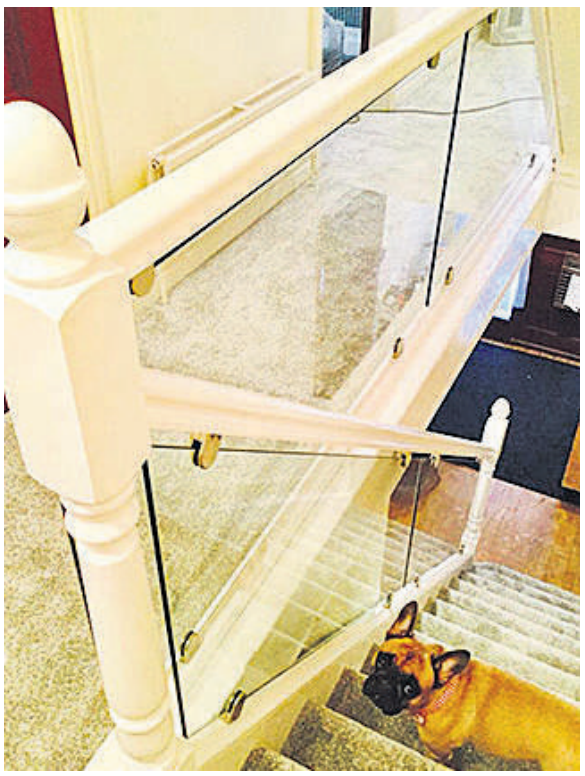

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‘Silent Soldiers’ will form part of borough’s Remembrance tributes

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is working on tributes to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The council has bought three ‘Silent Soldier Silhouettes’ from the Royal British Legion which have poppy emblems and a base plate plaque inscribed with the text ‘1914-1918’ and ‘Lest we forget’.

Two have been placed at the war memorials in Skelmersdale and Burscough and the third will be placed by the memorial in Ormskirk in time for Remembrance Sunday on November 11.

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, himself a veteran of the armed forces, said: “The silhouettes are a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by all who served in the Great War. West Lancashire is very proud of its links with the armed forces and the council is proud to play its role in recognising the importance of commemorating the centenary. We have a series of tributes planned to mark this important time in our history.”

The authority will also be cleaning its memorials and has worked with the parish council to re-gild the name plaques on the Up Holland war memorial.

Around the time of Remembrance Sunday the Clock Tower in Ormskirk and the Light Cube in Skelmersdale will be coloured red and white for the commemorations.

On Remembrance Sunday a piper will play ‘When the Battle’s O’er’ in Coronation Park, Ormskirk at 6am to mark the time when the Armistice was signed 100 years ago.

During the day veterans’ organisations, the council, and a number of parish councils and local churches will be organising Remembrance Sunday Services across the borough.

Then in the evening a beacon will be lit in Beacon Country Park at 7pm as West Lancashire joins more than 370 councils and 1,000 beacon sites nationwide in a collective act of respect and recognition.

Council officials, Royal British Legion standard bearers and local veterans with the ‘Silent Soldier Silhouette’ at Skelmersdale war memorial.

Prior to the lighting of the beacons the Last Post will be played at venues across the country.

For more details of events and World War One commemorations visit the new page on the council’s website www.westlancs.gov.uk/ww1.

The council-owned Chapel Gallery is also hosting a World War One Heritage Project recognising the role of women during the war. The council has secured Heritage Lottery funding to develop this in partnership with Edge Hill University and Ormskirk and District Family History Society. The exhibition, ‘Opening the Gates’, will involve local schools and is planned to run until January 19 next year.

The popular War Horse Walk leaflet has been relaunched and is available from the council offices, the customer service point at the Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale and Ormskirk Library and can be downloaded from www.DiscoverOrmskirk.com.

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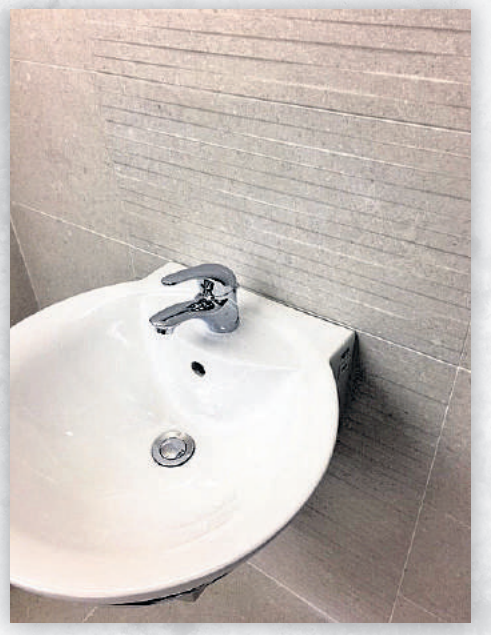

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Church and community to mark 100th anniversary of end of First World War

Report by **Henry James**

A SERIES of special events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War will be held in the first two weeks of November at St John the Baptist Church Burscough and throughout the local community.

These will include commemorative displays, a national art exhibition and a performance of the acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe play, *Brothers in Arms*.

They will start with a special Remembrance 100 Exhibition, open daily from Thursday, November 1 to Tuesday, November 13. This will mark military and civilian service during both world wars and more recent conflicts, featuring uniforms and items, medals, and stories of those who served. The national art installation, *There But Not There*, will also be hosted as a tribute to the Fallen.

A special local commemorative project, *Everyone Remembered*, has been developed in partnership with the Royal British Legion and other churches and businesses in Burscough. This will remember all the military personnel from Burscough and the surrounding area who died in the First World War. At St John's and throughout the village there will be remembrance cards of each individual, and window displays decorated with knitted poppies.

Booths supermarket will also feature a special exhibition acknowledging the sacrifice of the war horses which passed through the area on their way to the Western Front.

Rev. David Banbury in First World War uniform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

A series of evening events will also be held at St John's church. On Friday, November 2 at 7.30pm, Rev David Banbury and Pete Tomkinson will be sharing stories of their time in the British Army serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, entitled *Faith Under Fire*,

There will be two film nights showing, on Saturdays, November 3 and 10 from 7pm. The first, *Joyeux Noel* (cert.12), follows the events surrounding the Christmas Truce of 1914. The following week's showing will be *Hacksaw Ridge* (cert.15, with some graphic scenes), a true story of an army medic's inspiring heroism in the Second World War.

Both faith and film nights will be followed by informal discussions about the issues explored in the films.

On Friday, November 9 at 7.30pm the church will host a talk all about itself. St John the Baptist Church was built in the commemorative style of the Waterloo Churches marking Wellington's victory over Napoleon, while the East window was installed as a remembrance gift from the local community to commemorate the end of the First World War.

Local historian David Orritt will present an illustrated talk all about the building and those commemorated in the stained glass window.

The closing event, fresh from its sell-out run at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival, will be a performance of *Brothers in Arms* at 7.30pm on Tuesday, November 13. The play tells the true story of the Chavasse brothers who served with great distinction in the First World War. Tickets cost £3 and are available from the church office with all proceeds going to forces charities.

Finally, there will be a series of commemorative services throughout the day on Remembrance Sunday, November 11, with communion and family worship at 9am and 10.50am, a Churches Together Service at the Burscough war memorial at 2pm, followed by a Civic Remembrance Service at St John's at 3pm during which all of the names of those recorded on the village war memorial will be remembered.

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Portico Nursery and West End Primary School pupils at the Restart a Heart Day event.

School and nursery pupils raise funds to maintain defibrillator

YOUNGSTERS at an Ormskirk primary school and nursery have joined forces to raise money to maintain essential life saving equipment kept on site.

Pupils from West End Primary School in Grimshaw Lane, and the Portico Day Nursery at West End, located in the school grounds, dressed in red and brought donations for Restart a Heart Day.

The school has a defibrillator based on site which is available not only for the school and nursery to use in an emergency situation, but for the local community also.

The objective of the day was to remind pupils how to take care of their hearts and to raise funds which will go towards replacing the expired defibrillator pads.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high-energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest.

In Britain approximately 12 people under the age of 35 will die each week from a sudden cardiac arrest, and 270 children die every year from cardiac arrest on school premises.

Without immediate treatment 90 to 95% of cardiac arrests are fatal.

The children took part in various forms of exercise to raise their heart beats and also took their pulse and learned more about the heart.

Head teacher, Phil Clarke, said: "We want to maintain this vital equipment should any members of our community need it."

Amanda Wiley, manager at the Portico nursery, added: "The staff and parents have worked extremely hard to have a defibrillator on site so it's imperative we look after it."

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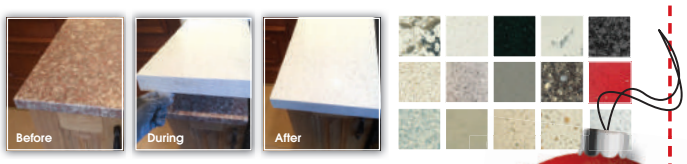

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Graham Stewart (left) presenting one of two clocks and a garden bench in memory of his late father Alex who was a resident at Aughton's Springfield Court Nursing Home. Also pictured are home owners, Colin and Wendy Wilkinson and manager, Linda Burrows (right).

Family's £10k gift to home

THE owners and management of a West Lancs nursing home have thanked the family of a former resident for a generous donation of £10,000.

As previously reported, the family of the late Alex Stewart had donated two clocks and a bench to the Springfield Court Nursing Home in Aughton, following his brief stay there.

Alex, the founder of a global company which provides professional inspection and laboratory analysis services to individuals, businesses and governments around the world, had been at the home in Springfield Road for just six days when he passed away unexpectedly at the age of 83.

Home manager, Linda Burrows, said: "Alex Stewart International's friends and family are sincerely thanked by Springfield Court Nursing Home for their wonderful donation of funds. In addition to the bench and clocks given in Alex's memory, the donation was used towards additional improvements to our nurse call system.

"The donations amounted to a total of £10,000 and the owners, residents and staff are eternally grateful to the company directors, family and friends who contributed to such a magnificent donation. Our best wishes go to all who have assisted us in Alex's memory."

Chance to find out about National Trust support group

A NATIONAL Trust support group is inviting members of the public to a free information morning.

The Ormskirk and District Association of National Trust Members will host the meeting on Saturday, November 3 at Aughton Village Hall, Winifred Lane when coffee and cake will be served from 10am for a 10.30am start. A spokesperson for the group said: "All are welcome to come along. We will have speakers from the support group and the trust and guests from our neighbouring association in Southport and Formby." For further information visit www.odantm.wordpress.com.

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Amazed by reader's 'loads of land' claim!

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So one writer's letter mentioning that an improvement will arise due to the "benevolence" of property developers "and anyway it is old farm land which has clearly outlived its usefulness" left me speechless.

As Mark Twain said about land - "they are not making it anymore!" Compared to the USA, France and elsewhere in the world which have vast amounts available, we are "land poor."

In the UK how many new houses are crammed next to each other, and with no garages? And is it a crime to scrimp and save to buy a house?

Perhaps if priorities were different these days first-timers. etc, would manage to buy them - without the need for Government assistance.

Turning to fracking, I have an open mind but the day after this started recently Blackpool suffered five earthquakes.

This was surely predictable.

However, the comment that we have loads of land was an eye-opener.

Most of what we have, in Wales and Scotland in particular, is scenic but unable to become arable.

Is the writer unfamiliar with the need to grow crops to produce the 5% ethanol content in petrol demanded by the EU, which is shortly to increase to 10%? To achieve just 5% would require 60% of our arable land turned over just to such crops, so there would clearly be little left for food.

I do agree though that solar panels, if appropriately sited (for example on motorway verges) would be a big benefit.

Amazed of Aughton, details supplied.

Has my doctors' practice just been privatised?

SOME great letters about our heath service. This really matters to everyone, so thanks for being so supportive.

Would I be wrong in suggesting that Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) are privatising doctors' practices?

About 12 months ago I went to my doctor in Birleywood, Skelmersdale who arranged a meeting with a private company called PDS Medical. I discovered this company had been set up by a CCG from Blackpool.

I did not use them but went to Ormskirk Hospital instead. The appointment at Ormskirk was earlier but as this was NHS, I had to arrange the appointment myself. That in itself was wholly unprofessional.

I have now received a text to say that Skelmersdale Family Practice is now called Excel Primary Care. I researched and found Excel is a private company that oversees doctors' practices in the UK.

They do questionnaires and produce pretty pie charts to show how well, or not well each practice is doing. They are a bit like OFSTED, only I can't see doctors taken into special measures because we have to wait three weeks for an appointment.

However, I now find Excel Primary Care has another role to play. They say, we are 'a GP Partnership operating over three health centres in Skelmersdale & Upholland; Birleywood Health Centre, Sandy Lane Health Centre & Matthew Ryder Clinic'.

Am I right in thinking my doctors' practice has just been privatised? Please tell me I am wrong.

Chris Carr,
Little Digmoor, Skelmersdale.

PICTURE of the week

Giant smoke breathing dragons soared above Chapel Street to enthrall Saturday shoppers and children alike when the town hosted a four-day Halloween Festival of fun staged by Southport BID. Picture by Martyn Snape.

We should be living the dream not dreaming it!

WHEN we decided to move our family back to West Lancs, it was because of the fond memories myself and my partner had of growing up here.

West Lancs has a lot to offer and I cherish the community feel that I never felt in a big city.

Yes, the market's got smaller, the bus station is still an eyesore and the ring road's like a car park most of the time, but there are lots of positives to celebrate.

Coronation Park is much smarter, there's plenty of events held in the town and we still have a library.

Edge Hill is blamed for the lack of affordable housing, the anti-social behaviour and the traffic, yet without the university Ormskirk would be like a ghost town.

I think WLBC needs to remember that the majority of West Lancs residents are proud of where we live. We've actually chosen to live here and we want our children to grow up being proud of where they live.

Come on, WLBC, do your part and deliver what you've promised. We should be living the dream, not dreaming of it!

Ormskirk resident.

When will proposals become reality?

I AM writing in response to the letter from Barrie French entitled 'I have a dream' published in your letters page dated October 17.

Mr French actually made me think as some of the points he raises in his letter I am sure I have seen reference to previously, or have I too been dreaming?

It then dawned on me that I have, in fact, not been dreaming as many of these proposals were actually put forward in the West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan of 2014 following a lengthy consultation process.

We are now in October of 2018, four years on from the plan being produced, and the points raised within it, many of which Mr French has been dreaming about, have failed to materialise.

I wonder if our current council are ever going to move forward with the plan or are they waiting to see if the vast expansion of housing and development they propose for the area may impact on the Transport Masterplan?

I suppose like Mr French we can all keep dreaming !

Gordon Johnson, Ormskirk.

'I HAD a dream - and then reality hit home' (Letters, October 17) made me smile. Not a lot to smile about living in Ormskirk since the council released the new local plan.

I would like to add to the list of dreams the situation in Ormskirk caused by lack of parking for students at Edge Hill University. The dream should include a park and ride from the M58 through to the university and stop Edge Hill from taking any more Green Belt from Ormskirk.

Thank you, Barrie French, your letter was superb.

Carole Davies, by email.

New podiatry care system will lead to more foot problems

I AGREE with Mr Maurice Baxter (Letters, October 17) who says he has been informed that only acute problems will be seen by their chiropodist staff since Virgin took over.

I too was advised and actively encouraged to attend podiatry at the walk-in centre. Now it seems we are no longer allowed this service and must pay privately for it.

When I say I paid National Insurance from 1955 to 2000, I am being selfish as there are lots worse off than me. Yes there are, but it is a poor show when you are advised to take up a service and encouraged to take care of your feet because you are diabetic and then you are made to feel like a scrounger when you do.

I was a nurse from 1962 to 2013, yet now I need help I am refused and told to pay for it by the very staff who encouraged me to attend.

I foresee many more foot problems and amputations due to this money-grabbing decision.

Celia Fairhurst, Skelmersdale.

Decision puts profits before patients

I REFER to Maurice Baxter's letter headed ' Virgin management couldn't care less,' (Champion, October 17).

This relates to podiatry care being taken over and run by Virgin Care and that from now on only acute problems will be seen by a chiropodist.

Mr Baxter, of course, has the right to pay for a private podiatry if he can afford it but if not, tough. He is right, this is a profit-generated decision by a private company wedded to making profit first and treating people second.

Mr Baxter asks an important question: Who gave Virgin Care the contract? The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) gave the contract to 'Virgin Don't Care' and in doing so are helping rather nicely move us towards privatisation.

Joseph Welsh, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale

Speeding drivers turning Tower Hill into a rat run

RE: Tower Hill, Ormskirk, when is anyone going to take notice of 20mph speed limit as cars are parked on both sides of the road?

Today a bin wagon stopped in middle of the road to empty bins and a Vauxhall came around the bend in the road and had to suddenly stop as it was going more than 20mph. I had already stopped to let it go but she overtook me.

When is this going to stop? It has become a rat run.

B.M. by email

Alice Platt and Quentin Keohane of architects Falconer Chester Hall with award sponsor Natasha Young from Move Commercial.

Moor Hall recognised at regional property awards

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MOOR Hall Restaurant in Aughton has been recognised at this year's North West Property Awards (NWPAs).

Following the awarding of its second Michelin star, the restaurant won 'Best Commercial Scheme' at the prestigious award ceremony held at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral's Lutyens Crypt

The hall, a Grade II listed gentry house on Prescot Road built in the 1500s, was acquired by Andy and Tracey Bell in 2015 and has since undergone a major renovation and refurbishment, designed by architects Falconer Chester Hall.

It opened as a restaurant in March of last year and has since won a string of awards for its cuisine, as well its renovation at the 2017 West Lancashire Design Awards.

The NWPAs is an annual event which celebrates a year of success across the property industry and about 300 guests attended the glamorous awards ceremony.

A total of 13 awards were presented on the night, ranging from Show Home of the Year, Best Property Law Firm and Best Student Landlord, to the Regeneration Award.

Kim O'Brien, director of the NWPAs, said: "Moor Hall has been carefully restored and converted into a stunning restaurant with rooms and has quickly become the go-to place for fine dining in the region having just received its second Michelin star.

"Congratulations to Falconer Chester Hall on such fantastic vision for this project."

Architect, Alastair Shepherd, of Falconer Chester Hall, added: "We're delighted to have received this award, which reflects the commitment for everyone involved. We're grateful for the opportunity to deliver a contemporary building alongside the restored Tudor hall and barn."

Contestants sought for TV's Blind Date

LOVELORN West Lancs residents are being invited to apply to be contestants on TV's Blind Date.

The programme, which was extremely popular when fronted by the late Cilla Black from 1985 to 2003, was re-launched last year with comedian Paul O'Grady as host.

A spokesperson for the show said: "We are coming back for more fun in 2018/19 off the back of the latest series with Paul O'Grady being a huge success and we are again looking for more single people across the UK to take part. Closing date for applications is Sunday, November 25."

To apply, email BlindDate@sotelevision.co.uk.

Villages remember First World War fallen

VILLAGES in West Lancashire will be marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War by remembering local men who lost their lives in the conflict.

A Remembrance Tea Room event at Appley Bridge Community Centre on Sunday, November 4 from 1 to 4 pm, will bring to life the stories of the 15 villagers who gave their lives for their country between 1914 and 1918.

The event will start with a Three Churches Together poetry reading and prayers. There will also be a sing-along of songs from the era. People can sample ANZAC biscuits and Trench Cake, baked using authentic recipes and the Royal British Legion is supplying official merchandise and collection boxes.

Appley Bridge Community Association has been awarded 15 soldier silhouettes by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to represent the fallen villagers. The silhouettes have been created for the national project There But Not There, which aims to commemorate those who died in the First World War wherever there is a Roll of Honour. They will be on show in the community centre.

Local authors have collaborated to write a book that tells the stories of the Appley Bridge men, and the book will be available for purchase on the day.

Meanwhile St Cuthbert's Church in Halsall has been awarded five silhouettes from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust to represent the 'Tommies' from Halsall who fought in the Great War.

The silhouettes have been installed in the pews where they will remain until the end of November covering the period of the armistice 100 years ago.

Particularly poignant are two silhouettes placed side by side representing brothers Charles and Joseph Prescott.

Churchwarden Stephen Henders has created a map of the churchyard showing all the First World War graves and several memorials. He hopes the representations of the soldiers will honour those men who did make it home and those who didn't and whose memorials remain empty because their bodies were never found and they lie where they fell.

The Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 11 will be followed by a special peal of bells.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust makes awards and grants to projects that support the Armed Forces Community. More information about their work can be found at www.covenantfund.org.uk.

Silhouettes to commemorate 'Tommies' from the Halsall area will remain at St Cuthbert's Church until the end of November.

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Students from St Bede's RC High School in the council chamber with the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, and Councillor Gareth Dowling.

Pupils enjoy lesson in decision-making

Youngsters become 'councillors for a day' as part of Local Democracy Week

SCHOOLCHILDREN became 'councillors for a day' when they staged debates in the West Lancs Council chamber to help them learn more about how the borough council operates.

The mock meetings were held as part of Local Democracy Week, an annual event to help young people learn more about their local authority and the important role it plays.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney, welcomed groups of young people to the council chamber for a day which included debates and mock voting exercises.

Pupils from St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Ormskirk, attended in the morning and children from St Bede's Catholic Hugh School, Ormskirk, in the afternoon.

Each school appointed a pupil as 'chief officer' to help run the meeting alongside the mayor, with the remaining children acting as councillors.

The theme of both sessions was 'Citizen participation, consultation and commitment for a thriving local democracy' and the young participants were asked to consider the question: 'Should the students be allowed a greater say in the running of their school?'

Council staff organised workshops for the youngsters to take part in where they considered a number of statements and had to decide whether they agreed or disagreed with them.

Following the debates, the pupils cast their votes at a 'polling station' specially set up for them.

Councillor Delaney said: "Holding a mock debate is an excellent way for young people to learn about local government and understand how councils work. I was impressed by the pupils' enthusiasm in the debate and the voting exercise that followed.

"I hope Local Democracy Week will encourage the children to take an interest from an early age in their local council and some of the decision-making processes that are used."

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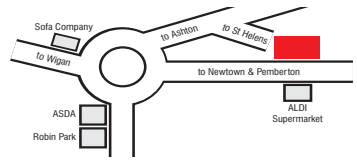

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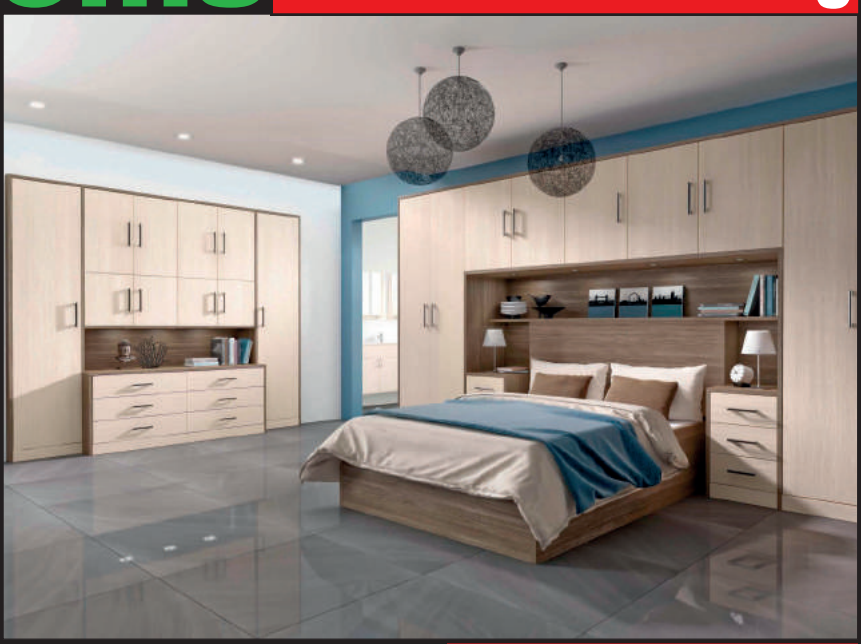

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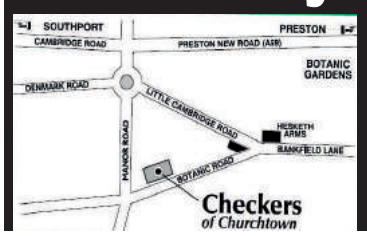

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Commissioner backs call for Government to prioritise policing

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has joined calls for the Government to boost funding for policing or face 'dire consequences for public safety and criminal justice.'

Mr Grunshaw supported a report released by the Home Affairs Committee urging the Government to prioritise policing in the Autumn Budget.

The report comes just weeks after a National Audit Office report criticised ministers for not understanding the impact that funding cuts have had on police forces; and days after potentially crippling police pension contribution changes were announced.

Since 2010 Lancashire has had to make more than £84m worth of savings as a direct result of the Government cutting £50m of central funding during the same period, with an additional £18m of savings required by 2022.

The constabulary has also lost 800 police officer posts and 350 support staff meaning there are increasingly fewer places to make savings.

Clive Grunshaw *(above)* says the current funding for policing isn't sufficient to deal with growing demand.

In the wide-ranging *Policing for the Future* report looking at the changing demands on policing, the Home Affairs Committee found that forces are struggling to cope in the face of changing and rising crimes and warn that the Home Office cannot continue to stand back while police forces struggle.

The report also found that in many areas, the police force is being used as the sole emergency service for mental health crisis.

Clive Grunshaw said: "I believe the total level of funding provided to policing by government is the most significant issue facing the service. Police officers in Lancashire are working around the clock to keep people safe but they are over-stretched.

Cutbacks

"This report reaffirms what I have been saying for some time - policing urgently needs more money. The current funding for policing isn't sufficient to deal with growing demand and the current funding arrangements, which places the burden of police funding into council tax payers, isn't sustainable.

"The constabulary is managing not just an increase in crime, with the emergency 999 and 101 service receiving thousands more calls than they did in previous years, but also non-crime demands, including mental health and social care, as a consequence of cutbacks affecting other services and partners.

"Changing and increasing demand means officers are needed to do different roles so they can be there when the public really need them, dealing with increasingly complex issues such as cybercrime, child and adult exploitation and online abuse."

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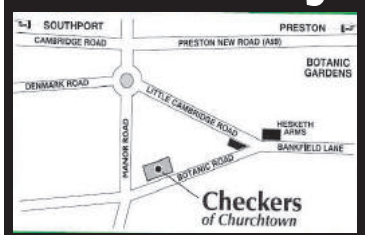

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County's Labour group call for suspension of fracking following latest tremor at Little Plumpton

Report by **Henry James**

FOLLOWING the largest tremor to be recorded at the Preston New Road site at Little Plumpton earlier this week, Lancashire County Council's Labour group is calling for fracking to be suspended by the Government.

The councillors believe that Cuadrilla have been trying to play down the events.

On Monday fracking was stopped at Little Plumpton after the 1.1 magnitude earthquake, which was the biggest since work started at the site two weeks ago.

Caudrilla have stopped fracking for short periods following earlier tremors only to start up again within a few days.

But the county council's Labour group believe this self-regulation does not appear to be reducing the size or frequency of the earthquakes.

And they have put forward the following motion for the next full council: 'We call upon the chief executive to write to the Prime Minister on behalf of Lancashire County Council requesting that:

1) Fracking on the Preston New Road site is suspended by order of the Government.

2) An independent enquiry investigates the earthquakes being felt within the local area.

3) That fracking is suspended in Lancashire until the independent enquiry publishes its findings.

County Councillor John Fillis

Skelmersdale East County Councillor John Fillis, Labour deputy leader, said: "These earthquakes were not happening before drilling started so clearly there is a link with the fracking on this site.

"Fracking was shut down at the previous site near Blackpool due to earthquakes. It was claimed that these problems had been overcome and it was now safe. It would appear that such claims by Cuadrilla are neither sound nor reliable.

"The Government who overturned Lancashire County Council's decision to refuse fracking at the Preston New Road site now have to take on this responsibility. The Government has a duty to protect local people and suspend fracking, not only on this site but across the county.

"We need an independent enquiry as under self-regulation these seismic events have increased in size and frequency.

"With Cuadrilla putting profits before the safety of local people, in order to assure local people fracking should be suspended until the enquiry report has been published to enable everyone to consider its findings.

"This is not just about the Preston New Road, fracking site. The Government is supporting fracking right across Lancashire and is consulting on changing planning laws to prevent local people and councils from blocking these developments.

"The people of Lancashire deserve answers to their genuine concerns."

Cuadrilla have said the latest tremor was a very long way from anything that would cause damage or harm.

Meanwhile Aurora Energy Resources are holding a second public information event on their plans to frack for gas at Altcar Moss on Friday, November 2 from 4 to 7.30pm at Haskayne Village Hall.

Scouts enjoy busy half-term

SCOUTS from the Skelmersdale St Paul's and the 1st Skelmersdale troops spent the half- term holidays cooking, hiking, camping under tarps and contacting Scouts from all around the globe.

Friday evening saw them setting up open shelters and preparing for the next two days. This included agreeing a 12 .5 mile hike for the Saturday, setting up computers and agreeing what to say when contacting Scouts on the Saturday evening on the Internet throughout the world. This event is know'n as Jota Joti.

The hike took place through some of the most attractive rural areas of West Lancashire and was completed in just over five hours.

Saturday evening saw them contact Scouts from around the world.

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Rachel completes challenges to earn prestigious award

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A GIRL Guide from Ormskirk has achieved the organisation's highest award.

Rachel Melling was presented with the Queen's Guide Award at the House of Commons by Julie Bell, Deputy Chief Guide.

To achieve the prestigious award Rachel took on a series of personal challenges in areas such as social action, voluntary work and travel. Fewer than 150 young women out of the hundreds of thousands of Girlguiding members are presented with the award each year and they have to complete their challenges before they turn 26.

It took Rachel just 15 months to complete her Queen's Guide activities which is regarded as a testament to her organisation and commitment.

Rachel said: "Girlguiding has given me the skills for life to complete difficult challenges and has taught me if you believe in yourself, you can do anything."

While completing the Queen's Guide Award, Rachel gained the confidence to apply for the Go for GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development) scheme which sees members working in partnership with other guide associations around the world.

Rachel (right) is pictured with Deputy Chief Guide, Julie Bell.

Since then she has been a member of the GOLD Aruba 2017 team as well as GOLD Maldives 2018.

Pip Stewart, adventurer, journalist and presenter, was in attendance to give the recipients of the Queen's Guide Awards an inspirational talk.

She said: "I am absolutely delighted to be asked to help celebrate with all those who have achieved the Queen's Guide Award. The hard work, determination and commitment that these young people have displayed is unbelievably inspiring. I believe everyone can teach you something I can't wait to meet the individuals behind the success."

And Julie Bell, Deputy Chief Guide, commented: "It's a privilege to present all these incredible young women with their Queen's Guide Awards. Hearing about the range of challenges each of them took on and the effort they've put in is truly inspiring. They should be very proud of their achievements and I'm sure they'll all go on to have many more adventures in Girlguiding and beyond."

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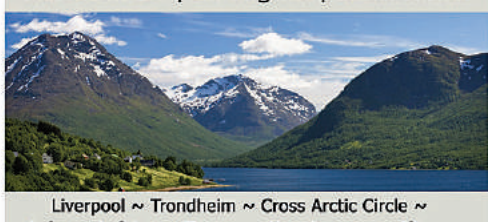

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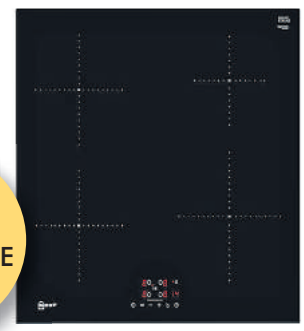

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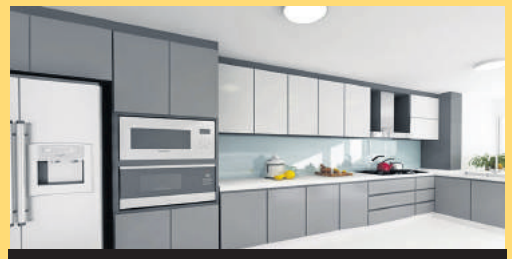

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Ready for the off . . . participants in this year's 3km fun run for cystic fibrosis at Edge Hill University pictured at the start.

Family fun run raises grand total for charity

OFFICIALS of the Ormskirk branch of the Cysitc Fibrosis Trust have thanked everyone who took part in a fun run which raised £1,129 for the charity and saw an increase in the number of participants on last year's initial event.

The second 3km family-friendly run at Edge Hill University, which is set to become an annual event, was started by Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney, who also presented finishers with a medal and goody bag.

Branch chair of the charity, Margaret Ellams, said that all of the money raised will be put towards research into finding a cure for cystic fibrosis, a life-limiting condition which attacks the lungs and the digestive system.

She said: "Sincere thanks are due to all runners, volunteers, helpers and Edge Hill University for their support.

"The fun run is now fixed in the Ormskirk calendar and plans are already taking shape for October 2019's event."

And Margaret added that she is also looking for local businesses that would be able to provide some sponsorship for next year's event. If you can help, you can contact Margaret by email at mfellams@hotmail.com.

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Norwich and Milan have more in common than you might think!

AS you read this I should just about be back home after my latest exploits on the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads in my cruiser, *Manxman*.

For many years my final trip of the year was in mid-November (to include my birthday) but back in 2013 my late brother George was due in hospital then, so we decided to make the 'birthday trip' at the end of October instead. Now I still do, as a kind of memorial cruise to honour George, and to be honest, hopefully for the weather to be a little more kind.

Anyway I don't intend to regale you once again about the wonders of Norfolk or what tribulations I have had to face (though I just might next week). No, I want to turn my attention to others who like to be afloat on the inland waterways - in particular Timothy West and Prunella Scales.

I've followed them on their extensive cruises around the canals of Great Britain with great interest and pleasure. But I thought they had rather lost the plot in the last series, and again in the series just started on Channel 4 on Sunday evening. Instead of piloting themselves around the canals of this country, they have instead begun to take to the waterways of the world, largely as holidaymakers with others doing the actual boating.

Having just watched their most recent one though, I must admit to liking it better. I'm finding their revamped Great Canal Journeys much more palatable. Their delight in what they see is palpable, and while, like any other tourist show they obviously have access to people and places that us lesser mortals would not, they obviously charm all those they meet.

Back to business though. In the last programme I watched they were journeying down what is billed as 'Europe's oldest working canal', which ventures into the heart of Milan.

Prunella and Timothy commented on the new flats and shops and bars that now line the route, where bustling warehouses and factories once stood with the canal being their gateway to the world. And the scene looked almost an exact replica of the River Wensum as it passes through the city of Norwich, it really does.

Except for one enormous difference. Our hosts commented on the almost non-existence of any boat traffic apart from their own. We were shown a canoe and a couple of rowing skiffs and otherwise just a stretch of empty water.

What a howling shame! In Norwich there is a plethora of pleasure craft (including the canoes and rowing boats) and truly I wonder why in the world the Italians don't make more leisure use of the wonderful waterway they possess.

Mind you, there was one other feature of Milan that echoed that in Norwich. Fine new leisure building where once there was commerce - bars, shops, hotels. But though the canal (in Milan) or the river at Wensum in Norwich passed within yards of folk obviously enjoying the facilities, there appeared top be few, if any, public moorings available so people on a boat could join them.

In Norwich I reckon this is a deliberate ploy to ensure that anyone on the river who wishes actually to visit their fine city has, perforce, to continue on to the (council-run) Yacht Station and pay really quite high mooring fees.

Perhaps that is what deters 'boatists' from visiting Milan too - though I doubt it. There is simply an almost total lack of pleasure craft using the canal at all. Very odd.

I am old enough to remember when quite large, seagoing trading vessels regularly sailed up the River Yare from Great Yarmouth to the Wensum in Norwich to the famous Colman's mustard factory.

Now ***they*** did provide something for cruiser skippers to think about if you met one on your holiday - get too close and the suction created could stick you to their seemingly enormous sides!

That might have made excellent TV though.

Keep an eye out for hedgehogs in the run-up to Bonfire Night

AN international wildlife charity is urging members of the public to be extra careful to help keep hedgehogs safe in the run-up to Bonfire Night..

Born Free's Tarnya Knight revealed that at the end of October, the prickly animals start looking for a place to hibernate and a pile of dry leaves in the garden or an unlit bonfire are attractive places for a sleepy hedgehog looking for somewhere to build its nest.

She said:"Hedgehogs can die or suffer awful injuries through contact with bonfires, so we're asking people to take some simple precautions to avoid causing them any harm."

Her tips for a hedgehog-friendly Bonfire Night are:

- *Build your bonfire on the day it will be lit, putting the pile of material next to the bonfire site and rebuilding before lighting it if necessary.*
- *Choose clear ground, never on top of a pile of leaves.*
- *If you are unable to build the fire on the day of lighting, use a broom handle to check the bonfire by gently lifting section by section and using a torch to look and listen for hedgehogs.*
- *If you do find a hedgehog in your unlit bonfire, place it in a box with some leaves or shredded paper, with some water and meaty cat or dog food, and place it in a shed until the fireworks have finished and the bonfire dampened down.*

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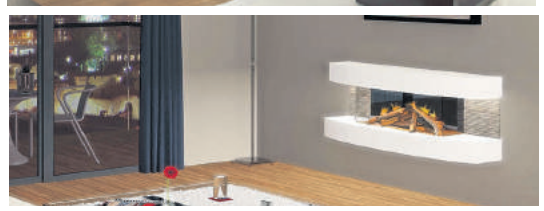

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Primary pupils enjoy a fishy learning experience

YOUNGSTERS from a West Lancs school have been given an insight into how one of the country's most popular dishes ends up on our plates.

Year 6 pupils from Burscough Village Primary were invited along to Fylde Fish and Chips on the Burscough Retail Park as part of its celebration of Seafood Week.

During their visit they learned about the journey fish take from the sea to chippies and restaurants. And as well as the sustainability of stocks and how the company uses fish from responsible sources, the children had the opportunity to take part in an interactive workshop where they were shown how to make fish cakes.

Veronica Bennett, the school's Business Support Officer, said: "It was a "fabulous experience.

The youngsters get 'hands-on' experience making fish cakes.

The children found the visit very interesting and were very grateful for the opportunity to try food items that they hadn't tried before."

And Jodie Zeniou, owner of Fylde Fish and Chips, commented that the children were very well behaved with excellent manners and showed an ability to work in groups as well as support each other. "They are a credit to the school and their parents and we look forward to welcoming them and their families to Fylde Fish and Chips."

Schools nominated for annual awards

TWO West Lancs schools have been shortlisted for an Educate Award in the seventh year of the annual competition.

Bickerstaffe CE School is in the running for the Community Partnership Award, while Pontville Independent School in Aughton has been nominated for the Communication Award.

Run in partnership with Copyrite Systems and Ricoh, the awards recognise the work of schools and colleges which are delivering outstanding education and helping students achieve their full potential.

Since launching in Liverpool in 2012, they have grown rapidly and now feature schools and colleges right across the Liverpool City Region, Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

In total there are 21 award categories including Teacher of the Year, Career Aspiration, School Support Star of the Year and Outstanding Commitment to Sport.

Commenting on the shortlist, Kim O'Brien, founder of the Educate Awards, said: "We are delighted to finally reveal the shortlist ahead of the awards ceremony in November. This year's list includes schools and colleges from all across the region.

"The awards recognise the arts, careers, sport, literacy, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and so much more.

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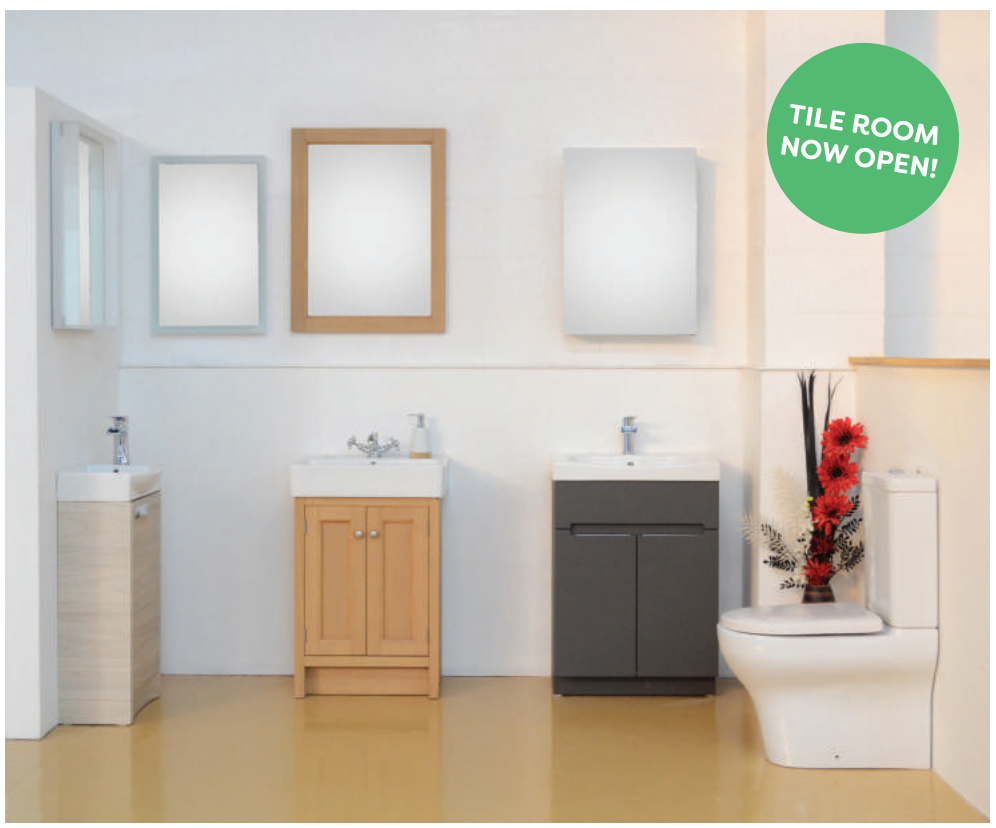

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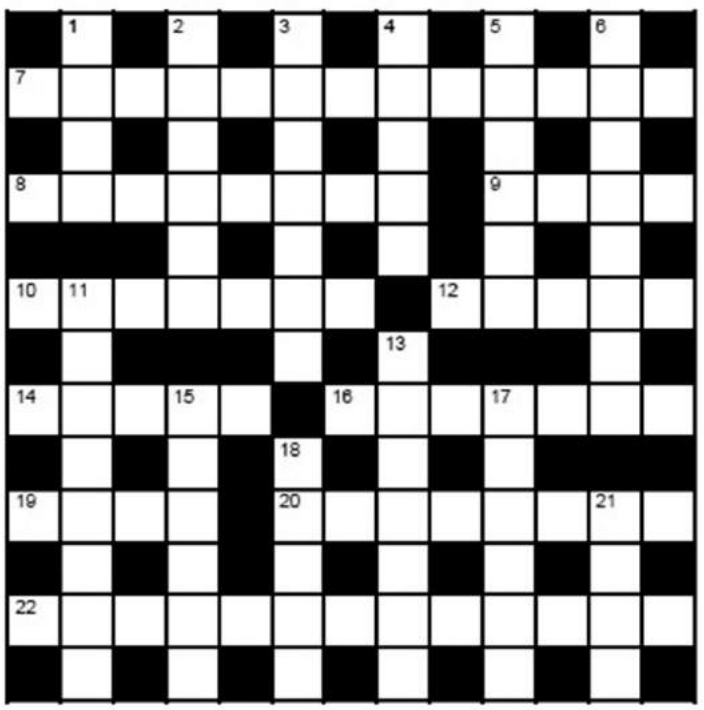

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7. Person in a society or organisation who was involved in setting it up (7, 6)
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9 Retained (4)
10. To alter the structure of something (7)
12. Foolish or stupid person (5)
14. Tree yielding heavy blackish or very dark brown timber (5)
16. A holder for carrying a handgun or other firearm (7)
19. Acronym for the former Soviet Union (4)
20. Disrobe (8)
22. Transformation, mutation (13)

DOWN

1. Informal term for rubbish or nonsense (4)
2. Grab or seize (6)
3. Maybe (7)
4. Metal worker (5)
5. Way herring is treated to make kippers (6)
6. Small opening in a door or a wall through which you can look without being seen (8)
11. Decorated with a raised pattern created by pressure or embroidery (8)
13. Abstract idea, notion (7)
15. Conforming to a standard; usual, typical (6)
17. Exactly, completely accurate (4, 2)
18. Prestige, cachet (5)
21. Pellets of frozen rain (4)

The Ormskirk North and South squads who took part in tournament in the Algarve.

Euro triumph's a 'stroll' for veteran footballers!

A WALKING football team from Ormskirk returned as champions from a multi-national tournament in Portugal.

Two teams from the town - Ormskirk North and Ormskirk South - joined with 30 other teams drawn from Holland, Germany, Portugal and the rest of the UK, in the over-60s section of the tournament.

And Ormskirk South were crowned champions in the age group, beating Scottish side, Hearts of Midlothian 1-0 in the final.

Manager and captain of the team, Graham Lucy, said: "Barry Jones hit a blistering shot that the goalkeeper found too hot to handle to score the decisive goal." Graham also singled out teammate, Gary Forshaw, for "defending brilliantly" throughout the tournament

Ormskirk North, meanwhile finished eighth, narrowly losing to Portuguese side Browns.

The victory was a case of going one better for Ormskirk South after missing out in the over-50s section of the tournament last year when they were beaten in the final on a penalty shoot-out.

Meanwhile new players are always welcome at the walking football group which meets at Edge Hill University sports centre every Tuesday and Friday from 1 to 2pm. Although primarily aimed at over-50s, players of any age can join.

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Drink-driver crashed through works barriers

By our **Court Reporter**

A WOMAN from Banks described as 'normally a law-abiding citizen' was caught drink-driving when she drove through road work barriers and crashed into a fence.

When Kay Walby, of Abington Drive, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court she told magistrates that she didn't want a solicitor to represent her because what she had done was wrong and she deserved whatever punishment she got.

The 30-year-old was driving her Mini Cooper on Argyle Road, Southport at 8.45pm on September 21 when the accident occurred.

Daryl Pollard, prosecuting, said: "A member of the public witnessed the incident. The defendant drove through work barriers before colliding with a metal fence. Fortunately no one was injured.

"The member of the public spoke to the defendant and took the keys out of the ignition."

Following breath tests at the police station she was found to have been driving with 104 micrograms of alcohol in 100ml of breath, the legal limit being 35mcg/100ml.

Probation worker Jackie Dawber said that Walby, who had no previous convictions, had bought some cans of beer to drink at home after work. But after receiving some bad news and feeling "quite stressed" from her job, she decided to drink the cans on Southport Pier instead. While on the way home she went to buy more cans when she crashed into the works barriers.

Her subsequent arrest was a wake-up call, Ms Dawber said, and she had not realised she was using alcohol as a coping mechanism. "She is normally a law-abiding citizen and has never even had a speeding ticket. She is mortified by what she has done and is very apologetic."

Walby, who works in a care home, wept during the hearing and when asked to speak, said: "I have got no excuse, what I have done is wrong. I could have killed someone. I chose not to be represented because I deserve everything I am going to get."

The magistrates sentenced her to 100 hours of unpaid work,ordered her to pay £170 in costs and victim surcharge and banned her from driving for two years.

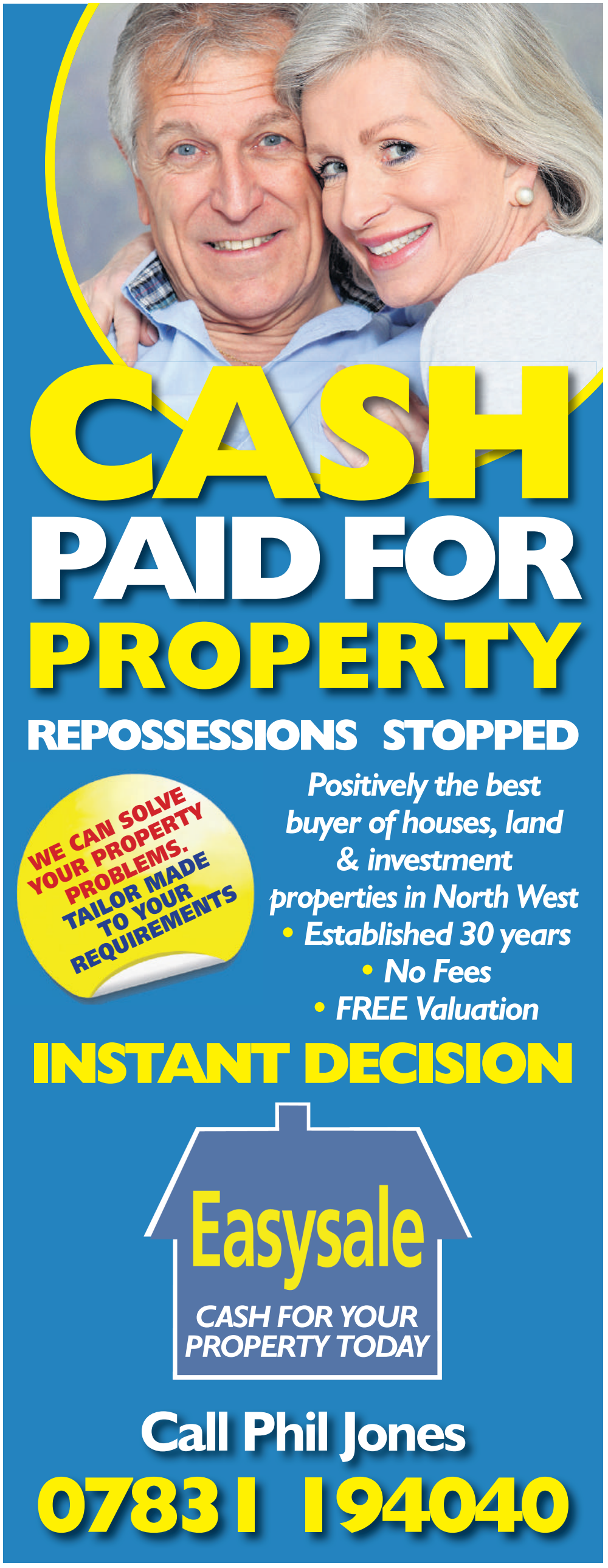
She can reduce the ban by six months if she completes a drink-drive awareness course.

Deputy Mayor to attend Civic fundraiser for British Legion

THE Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen, will attend a talk entitled 'The Man who Shod War Horses' on Friday, November 2 at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk, starting at 7.15pm.

This will be followed by a hot-pot supper and 'Sing As We Go' featuring the Pleasure Folk amateur musical society.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Royal British Legion.



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Chance for borough's 70-year-olds to share in Royal celebrations

PRINCE Charles celebrates a landmark birthday this year and the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney, is hosting a special celebration to mark the occasion.

The prince turns 70 on Wednesday, November 14 and Cllr. Delaney is inviting West Lancashire residents who are also 70 in 2018 to an afternoon tea in the Mayor's Room at the council offices in Derby Street on the day.

However, places are strictly limited for this special event and will be awarded on a first come-first served basis.

Any resident of the borough who is 70 this year or who has a relative who is, and who would like to attend, is advised to contact Jill Ryan at the council on 01695 585017 or by email at jill.ryan@westlancs.gov.uk, as soon as possible.

Cllr. Delaney said: "Don't delay - contact us now or you may miss out on this chance to celebrate Prince Charles' 70th birthday!"

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney.

New 26-30 railcard scheme on track

WEST Lancs train users aged between 26 and 30 who travel during 'leisure hours' will soon be able to apply for the National Rail 26-30 Railcard.

On track to be rolled out before the end of 2018, it will cost £30 a year and entitle holders to save a third off most train fares. Industry bodies predict it will save cardholders an average of £125 a year

However, there will be no discounts on season tickets and a minimum fare of £12 for all journeys between 4.30am and 10am, excluding weekends and public holidays. The card, which must be downloaded onto a smartphone, is aimed at leisure travellers rather than commuters.

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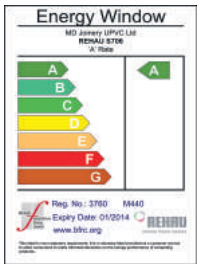

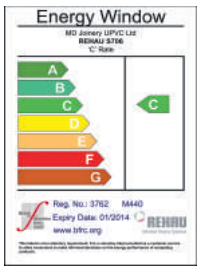

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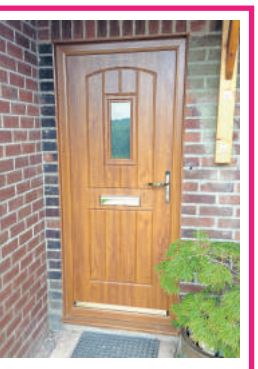

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County's youth 'make their mark'

YOUNG people in Lancashire have taken the opportunity to vote on the issues that matter most to them by taking part in the Make Your Mark campaign .

Supported by local authorities, schools, Parliament, The British Youth Council and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, the ballot gives young people across the country a say on what is to be debated on the green benches of the House of Commons by Members of the UK Youth Parliament.

This year's campaign has seen more than 1.1 million young people take part, including more than 27,000 in Lancashire and more than 230,000 in the North West.

Each issue will be discussed within the chamber on Friday, November 9 during the UK Youth Parliament's eighth sitting in the House of Commons, chaired by Speaker, John Bercow MP.

The five issues that have been prioritised are: putting an end to knife crime; improving mental health services; equal pay for equal work; tackling homelessness; and giving 16 and 17-year-olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.

And the top three issues will be mental health, ending knife crime, and equal pay and equal work.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Once again the ballot achieved a really high level of voting. Young people both in Lancashire and across the country appreciated the opportunity to express their opinions on the issues that they really care about.

"Hopefully they enjoyed debating the issues. This was a tremendous experience and opportunity for them to have their say. The young people have played a part in real democracy."

Home's new feature helps residents take a walk down Memory Lane

A CARE home in West Lancashire has created a new feature in its gardens to help residents reminisce and talk about the past.

The Hillcroft Care Home in Long Lane, Aughton previously created sensory garden 'pods' for residents.

These recreate familiar scenes - such as a woodland, a beach and a summer garden - which are used to stimulate residents' memories of being in similar settings.

Now the home has added to this with a 'Trip Down Memory Lane' feature which consists of a pathway with pictures of old Ormskirk on it, also designed to spark memories and start conversations.

Kate Mitchell, activities co-ordinator at the home, said: "We have found that the Memory Lane is a great reminiscing tool and conversation piece between residents and family and friends."

And there is also a new wooden Punch and Judy house. Kate said that in the summer they will have traditional outdoor Punch and Judy shows to help bring back memories from the seaside and childhood.

87-year-old Eric Lupton enjoys a walk down Hillcroft's Memory Lane.

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The T.Rextasy show is coming to Southport

Relive music of glam rock era

T.REXTASY, presented by Sweeney Entertainments, return to venues across the UK in 2018 transporting audiences back to relive the good old days of the 1970's and they will be at the Atkinson on Saturday, November 24 at 8pm.

Marc Bolan, with his band T.Rex, was one of the most flamboyant and charismatic stars of the original glam rock era.

With Bolan's special ingredient of Rock-a-Boogie songs, the band had a string of huge hits throughout the 1970s including Love to Boogie, Telegram Sam, Jeepster and 20th Century Boy.

Accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to Marc Bolan & T.Rex, and the only band endorsed and approved by Marc Bolan's family, estate, original ex-members of T.Rex, and Bolan's catalogue management, T.Rextasy have been described by many as "beyond the boundaries of tribute".

They have been performing all over the world for more than 25 years, a career that ironically out-lives Marc's very own T.Rex.

The skilled musicianship of Danielz (vocals and lead guitar), Neil Cross (rhythm guitars, backing vocals), Rob Butterfield (bass guitar, backing vocals) and John Skelton (drums) lets the timeless music and legacy of Marc Bolan and T.Rex live on, performing everything from 20th Century Boy to Children of the Revolution as well as Telegraph Sam to Hot Love with superb authenticity.

Sweeney Entertainments is co-founded by Julie and Peter Sweeney, and Julie said: "T.Rextasy return to venues across in 2018 with another powerhouse evening of rock 'n' roll. This concert show boasts two hours of amazing completely live glam rock."

Gifted pianist appearing at village hall's auditorium

PARBOLD Douglas Music is to present Federico Colli, internationally recognised for his vibrant interpretations and brilliant technique, performing in the auditorium in the Village Hall WN8 7DN on Saturday, November 10 at 7.45 p.m.

Federico Colli is an artist who exudes charisma by the barrelful. His strong musical personality reaches out to every audience the moment he walks out to the piano. Federico is to perform a selection of Domenico Scarlatti's Sonatas, aiming to provide an outstanding evening in Parbold, as the clarity of Colli's touch is impressive as he speeds through Scarlatti's hurtling rhythms, startling modulation and dissonant crunches. His playing ignites conflicting reactions. On the one hand, you can't but marvel at the sheer quality of his playing – his trills the epitome of crispness, his repeated notes sounding absurdly easy, while his command of dynamic extremes is second to none. It's impossible not to be impressed by his flair.

Born in Brescia in 1988, Federico studied at the Milan Conservatory, the Imola International Piano Academy and the Salzburg Mozarteum. In 2011 he received a 'Grosso d'Argento' from the mayor of Brescia in recognition of his artistic achievements, and in 2014 he was selected by International Piano magazine as one of the "30 pianists under 30 who are likely to dominate the world stage in years to come."

Federico first came to prominence after winning the Salzburg Mozart Competition in 2011 and the Leeds International Piano Competition in 2012. Since then, he has been performing with orchestras from all over the world.

In the UK alone, he has performed with the Philharmonia Orchestra, BBC Symphony, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the Hallé at the Barbican, Southbank Centre.

Federico Colli

The 18/19 seasons sees Federico making debuts at Wigmore Hall and Lucerne Piano Festival after having earlier performed at Royal Albert Hall and at the Ravinia Festival. Federico released his first album in May 2018. The second album, with works by Bach and Bach-Busoni, will follow in 2019.

Concert tickets are £18.50 for adults and £5 for young persons and students. To book or order tickets please go online to www.parbold-douglasmusic.org, E-mail: tickets@parbolddouglasmusic.org or telephone: 01257 498452 (booking answerphone). A limited number of stand-by tickets are always available at the Box Office on the evening of the concert.

Award winning playwright's new play taking centre stage at Arts Centre

AWARD winning playwright and songwriter Lizzie Nunnery's new play will be taking centre stage at Edge Hill University's Arts Centre next month.

Fresh from the success of acclaimed play Narvik winning last year's Best New Play Award at the UK Theatre Awards, To Have to Shoot Irishmen, is inspired by the story of Irish writer and activist Francis Sheehy-Skeffington, who was killed by the British military during the Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916.

While his rebel friends were out with guns seizing public buildings and declaring a free Ireland, Skeffington was walking the streets calling for peace and preventing looting. While crossing a bridge Frank was pulled from the crowd, arrested without charge, held for two days then executed under orders from British soldier, Captain John Bowen Colthurst.

Weaving together drama and song, the new play conjures the shattering impact of those events on his wife and feminist activist Hanna, on William the teenage soldier who guarded Frank, and on Vane, the rebellious commander who bears the news of Frank's death to Hanna.

To Have to Shoot Irishmen is produced by Almanac Arts, Lizzie Nunnery's female-led theatre company in association with Liverpool Irish Festival.

A scene from Narvik

Writer Lizzie Nunnery is an award-winning playwright and celebrated singer-songwriter. Her first play Intemperance was shortlisted for the Meyer-Whitworth Award and received five stars in the Guardian. In 2016 she premiered Narvik at the Liverpool Playhouse, which went on to tour to great acclaim. It was shortlisted for the international Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, and won Best New Play at the UK Theatre Awards 2017. Lizzie has also written extensively for BBC radio.

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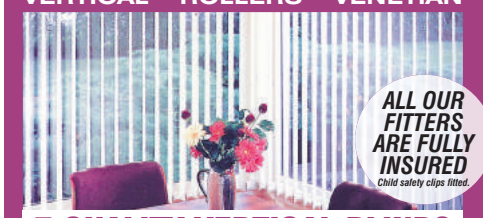

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0790/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - Residential development of 129 dwellings including affordable housing. Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Land To The North Of Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale.

2018/0796/FUL Residential development of 35 dwellings including affordable housing, access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Land To The North Of Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale.

2018/0814/FUL Conversion of a barn to a single dwelling (amended scheme); erection of double garage, outbuilding and glazed canopy; works for the disposal of sewage; and hard and soft landscaping to include erection/replacement of garden fences/walls/gates at Park Farm, Croston Drive, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1057/FUL Replacement windows and doors at 16 Springwood Drive, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1070/FUL The sub-division into two dwellings of existing dwelling at 61 Heatons Bridge Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
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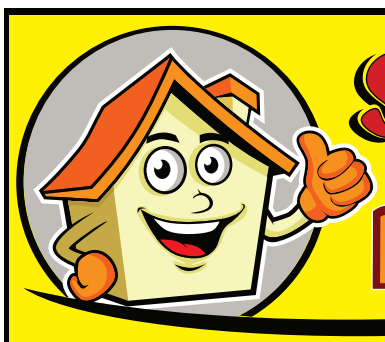

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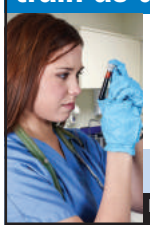
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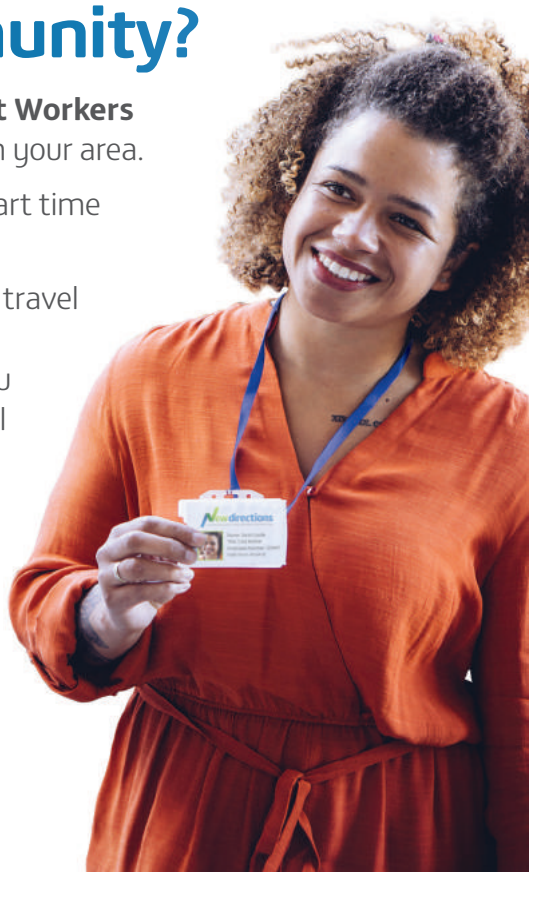
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DEATHS

HOWE RITA

Passed away peacefully at home on 23rd October 2018 aged 84 years of Aughton

Dearly loved Wife of the late Eric. Much loved Mum of Susan and the late Malcolm, Loving Nan of Sally & Chris. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for BHF. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

RUSSELL VICKY

24th October 2018
Aged 72 years

Died peacefully at home with her family by her side. Loving Wife of Harold, much loved Mum of Stuart and Lindsay, Mother-in-law of Jamie and future Daughter-in-law Victoria. Vicky will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at St George's United Reformed Church, Southport on Monday 5th November at 11:45am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Ormskirk, L40 7SP. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

BLAKEMAN REG

22nd October
Aged 93 years.
Passed away peacefully at Sutton Grange Care Home, Banks.

Much loved Father to Susan and Lynne and Father-In-Law to Phil. Loving Grandad to Michelle, Paula, Vikki, Philip and all his Great-Grandchildren. Brother-In-Law to Vera and Frank. Wonderful Uncle to all his Nieces and Nephews. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service to take place on Wednesday 7th November at Southport Crematorium at 1.20pm. Family flowers only please, however if desired donations are being gratefully received for The Royal British Legion. All enquires to H Johnson & Sons Funeral Directors, 1a Ralph's Wife's Lane, Banks, Southport, PR9 8ER. Tel: 01704 505252.

WINN PHYLLIS

23rd October 2018
Peacefully at Springfield Court Nursing Home, Aughton aged 89 years

The dearly loved Wife of the late Albert, loving Mum of Pete and Phil, dear Mother in law of Jan and Lucy and Grandma of Richard and Lauren. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 1st November 2018 at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Dementia UK. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

VINCENT DOUGLAS WILLIAM

After a long illness passed away peacefully in hospital on 18th October 2018 aged 83 years

Dearly beloved Husband of Gina. Much loved Dad of Gillian, Janet and David. Dear Father-in-Law of Peter, Paul and Kath. Caring Granddad of all his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear and loving of Roger, Barbara and the late Lillian. Doug will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 2nd November at 4pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Alzheimer's Society. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

RIDDELL ALAN CHARLES

12th October 2018
Suddenly in Cyprus aged 72 years of Aughton

The dearly loved Husband of Val. Loving Dad of Dawn and Jonny the greyhound. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Greyhound Trust, Lancashire Branch. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

BOWES MARY

Passed away peacefully at Arranmore Park Care Home on 25th October 2018 aged 99 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the late George. A much loved Mum of Sheila, Mother-in-Law of Roy, Granny to Chris & Jen and Paul & Steph and Great Granny to Alex. Mary will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her. Thanks to all the staff at Arranmore Park. Funeral Service will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Burscough on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 3pm followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only by request please but the family are receiving donations for their chosen charity. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

HALL WILLIAM EDWARD

28th October 2018
Peacefully at Aaron Crest Nursing Home, Skelmersdale aged 85 years

The dearly loved Husband of the late Edna, loving Dad of Melanie and Will and devoted Grandad of Ellie and Philip. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 2:30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for The Epilepsy Society. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

SCHOFIELD MARJORIE

20th October 2018
Peacefully at Beacon View after a short illness aged 94 years

The dearly beloved Wife of Eric (deceased), much loved Mum and Mother in law to Ken & Rhona, Jean & John, Carol & Anthony and Eric & Sarah, loving Grandma to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale on Monday 5th November 2018 at 1:30pm, followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Beacon View Care Home, All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors, Marlborough House, Witham Road, Skelmersdale, Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DOYLE ARTHUR

24th October 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 73 years

Loving Husband of the late June, devoted Dad of Anthony, Tracey and Julie. Dear Father-in-law of Joanne, Jamie and Neil. Cherished Grandad of Laura, Sophie, James, Will, Jordon and Danielle. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Pauls Church Skelmersdale on Friday 2nd November at 11am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Cancer Research or Diabetes UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

CHRISTER LORNA ANN

Sadly passed away on the 19th October 2018
Aged 77 Years

Her sense of humour, bravery and personality will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Church, Hesketh Lane, Tarleton on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 1pm followed by private interment at West Lancashire Cemetery.

Family flowers only please, however donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. The family would like to thank all that helped & supported Mum, in particularly Dorothy & Chris, Queenscourt, Tarleton District Nurses and Care Concern.

Further enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

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DEATHS

MORGAN
MARY AUDREY

17th October 2018

My lovely Mum,
A special smile,
a special face

In our hearts,
a special place,

Memories are a
gift to treasure

Ours of you mum
will last forever.

Rest now in peace,
love you lots
Tracey, Tim, Ben
and Rebecca
xxxx

MORGAN
MARY AUDREY

17th October 2018

Suddenly

Thank you for
all the years
we shared.
The love you gave.
Our love will go on
forever.
The love of my life,
my soulmate.
Till we meet again.
Loving Husband
Ted
XXXXXXXX

COLLIER
GORDON

Passed away peacefully on 22nd October 2018 aged 81 years

Much Loved Husband of Pam. Loving Dad of Mark and Lee and Dear Grandad of George. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Monday 5th November 2018 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please by request, but donations are being gratefully received for Christies Hospital. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

PAYNE
LILLIE

23rd October 2018

Aged 87 years

Died peacefully.
Loving Wife of the late John Ernest (Pete) Lillie will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 2nd November at 3:20pm.
Family flowers only please. Donations are being collected for Stroke Association.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
Telephone: 01704 500086.

FRANKLIN
MARION MAY
S.R.N. S.C.M
NEE DAVIS
FORMERLY
MELLOR

19th October 2018

Aged 88 years

Surrounded by her family. Precious Mother to Janet, Wendy, and the late John. Adored Nanny to Robin, Alex, Suzanne, Jack, Vickie, Lauren and special Great-Nanny to Ella, Callum, Charlie and Isaac.
Funeral Service will take place on Friday 2nd November at 11.30am at St. John's Church Birkdale, followed by committal at Southport crematorium. Family flowers only by request please, but donations if desired, to Hoylake R.N.L.I. All enquiries Howard's Funeral Directors 1-5 Roe Lane Southport PR9 9DR
Tel: 01704 500086

DEATHS

ABBERLEY
ANNE NORA
(NEE KIPLING)

16th October 2018

Aged 79 years

Passed away suddenly at home. Devoted Wife of the late Derek, loving Sister and Aunty to Ian and Adam. She will be greatly missed by her children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, extended family and friends who loved her so much.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 6th November at 10:40am.
Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
Telephone: 01704 500086.

FISHER
ALICE
NANETTE

After a brave battle died peacefully at home with her family on Friday 26th October 2018 aged 76 years

Much loved Wife of the late Jimmy, Loving Mum of Gillian, Anne-Marie & Peter, Mother-in-law of Robin & Debbie, Devoted Nan of Emma, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Hannah, Rebecca & Thomas, and Great-Nanna of Phoebe. She will be sadly missed by all.
Requiem Mass and Interment at St. Johns R.C. Church, Chapel Lane, Burscough on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 11.00am. Family flowers only please, but donations of so desired for Queenscourt Hospice.
Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter.
MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

McWILLIAM
THOMAS

16th October 2018

Aged 91 years

Dearly loved Husband of Joan. Tom will be sadly missed by his family and friends.
Funeral service at St. Helens Crematorium on Monday 5th November at 2pm. Flowers welcome or donations to the British Heart Foundation.

MOLYNEUX
MARGARET

21st October 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 80 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of the late John, loving Mum of Philip and Yvonne, dear Mother in law of Carol and Peter, devoted Grandma of Kate, Laura, Leah and Dylan and Great Grandma to Mia, Thomas, Molly, Kye and Myla.
Funeral service at St Helens Crematorium on Monday 5th November 2018 at 10:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

DARBYSHIRE
ALAN

Peacefully at home 20th October 2018 aged 82 years

Will be sadly missed by his family Janice, Susan, David and Catherine.
Funeral Service at St James Church Westhead on Thursday 1st November at 3pm.
All enquiries to Devonports Funeral Services
Tel:01695 731199

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INMAN
JOAN

30th October

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PETER
OWEN
BERKLEY

6th November

'A special Husband'

Another year,
a silent tear,
a constant wish that you were here.

The tears on my cheek I can wipe away, but the pain in my heart will always stay.

Simply the best P (Remember)

To the stars and back sweetheart, until we meet again.

Your broken hearted Marie

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BALDWIN
ALAN

Hilary and family wish to thank all relatives friends and neighbours for their very kind thoughts of sympathy, cards, flowers and donations for Queenscourt Hospice received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Revd. Rebecca Clarke for her kind ministrations, and to Michael and Michelle of M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their help support and dignified funeral arrangements.

CULSHAW
SANDRA

The family of the late Sandra Culshaw wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends, for their very kind thoughts of sympathy and donations received for Peacehaven House Rest Home. A special thanks to all staff at Peacehaven House for their every care and attention, especially during the last few months. Grateful thanks to Fr. Patsy for his kind ministrations. Also to M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their help, support and dignified funeral arrangements.

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HARRY
LEATHERBARROW

The family of the late Harry Leatherbarrow Would like to thank All relatives, friends and neighbours for their messages of sympathy and donations for the British Heart Foundation received during their sad loss The Reverend Eileen Heaney for her kind words and ministrations And Hardman's Funeral Directors for a dignified funeral

IN MEMORIAM

ASPINWALL
DICK

10 Years
October 28th

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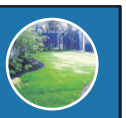

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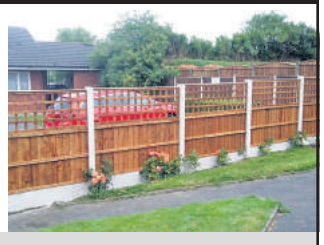

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The C4 Picasso

I admit, I am a bit slower than I was!

I DON'T mind saying it. I'm a bit slower than I used to be.

Not in the sense that I'm no longer any good at the brainteasers Channel 4 chucks at me during the commercial breaks on *Countdown* or that I no longer know how many were going to St Ives – but that it takes longer to cover ground, no matter what the car. Regardless of whether I'm in a Suzuki Celerio or the new McLaren Speedtail, the age of 50mph average speed restrictions that go on for ten miles at a time have seen to that.

Not that it matters one jot, because speed isn't the luxury it used to be. Do the one percent jet across the globe in three hours on Concorde? Nope, because these days they can do it overnight in an A380 first class cabin that's better equipped than most hotel suites. The sleeper trains to Cornwall and the Scottish Highlands have been kitted out with more upmarket furnishings because the operators know plenty of folk are happy to fork out for the hotel-on-rails experience. Making the journey more enjoyable, rather than quicker, is where the smart money is these days.

Which is probably why I emerged from Citroen's latest C4 Picasso with a content smile the other day. It might be a distant relative of the Peugeot 5008 that I tried a few months ago, but unlike that car it doesn't pretend to be a chunky off-roader – this unashamedly sets out its stall as a people carrier, and feels all the better for it.

Nope it's not the most razor-edge family bus through the corners but it handles capably enough, with the reward instead being a soft, supple ride. Visibility is excellent – no turgid, safety-paranoid A-pillars here – and the full-length panoramic glass roof makes it feel like something like out of *Grand Designs* inside. You can slide the sun visor mountings back into the headlining too, to give you even more light through that massive windscreen.

Kevin McCloud would approve of how avant-garde and well appointed it is inside too – I love the dashboard plastics and the way all the dials have been moved into a single digital slab on the centre of the dashboard, including a strip-style speedometer reminiscent of what your granddad had in his Rover P6. The seats heat up and give you massages too – and the front passenger one comes with a leg rest not entirely like something you'd get on a living room recliner.

I even like the way it looks – those headlights make it seem like it's squinting at you with faint disapproval, as if to say you're an idiot for buying an SUV instead. In fact, the only real chink in its armour is that something this massive really ought to have seven seats – for that you'd need its Grand Picasso sibling, which doesn't look as good. So there you go – I'm championing an MPV because I think it's a bit of a looker.

Maybe I *am* a bit slower than I used to be, after all...

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Skem and Widnes players in action

Much-changed Skem side beaten in friendly match

Skelmersdale United 2
Widnes 3

SKELMERSDALE were without a competitive fixture last weekend so played a friendly match against Widnes.

The home side got off to a flying start when Dane McCormick struck after only one minute.

The lead was short lived, as Widnes equalised on eight minutes and the score stayed at 1-1 until half time.

Skem started the second half strongly and retook the lead through Declan Daniels.

Widnes once again equalised and went on to get a winner in the 83rd minute to come away with the victory.

Free-scoring Linnets hit late winner to shock promotion challengers

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Runcorn Town 2
Burscough 3

IN-FORM Burscough continue to climb the North-West Counties Premier Division table with a terrific victory at promotion chasing Runcorn Town.

The hosts had won all their previous six home games this season and would have gone second in the league with a win.

The hotshot Linnets have now scored 11 goals in their last three games and actually have a better away record than home record.

Dave Sutton's team went on the attack from the off and inside two minutes they had the lead, Prince Ekpolo pushing forward and latching onto the ball around 25 yards from goal and unleashing a low shot that beat home goalkeeper Adam Reid.

Burscough had caught the hosts out and were determined to maximise their advantage and less than three minutes later it was 2-0, Adam Owen cutting in from the wing and firing low under keeper Reid.

It was dream start for Burscough and but for a good save by Reid, Chad Whyte would have made it 3-0.

Runcorn are a good team and they started to drag themselves into the game but they were not making many inroads into the Linnets defence.

Burscough still posed a serious threat and Matty Ward was kept out by keeper Reid on the half-hour, then Terry Cummings put a lob inches wide of the target.

The hosts asserted more after that and Povey saved from a free-kick by former Marine player Jamie Menagh.

On 35 minutes Runcorn pulled a goal back. A good passing build-up put the ball wide to Menagh, who then cleverly sent it behind the Burscough backline and Shaun Weaver poked the ball home.

Burscough started the second-half well and Ward was unlucky when his shot rattled the home crossbar.

However, Runcorn continued where they had left off and pressured Burscough.

Paul McManus brought a good save out of Povey when he looked clean in on goal but then a moment of controversy, when Runcorn equalised in the 62nd minute.

Right-Back Ekpolo was seeing the ball out on his goal-line for a goal-kick, but Joe Heath slid in and managed to convert a shot across the face of goal. Burscough goalkeeper Povey received a yellow card for his protests and could be said to have been lucky it wasn't a red. He was adamant that the ball had gone out of play.

Burscough just rolled up their socks and went more onto the offensive. But still chances were few at both ends.

Runcorn were kept to shots from distance, one effort from John Shaw being thwarted by a brave block by Linnets defender Luke Gibson.

Five minutes from the end Burscough won it. Former Richmond player Jordan Lorde had come on as sub at half-time and he played a superbly executed one two with Chad Whyte on the 18 yard line before running on to score.

Runcorn now ploughed forward and to their credit the Burscough defence gave them very little at all held on and deserved their win.

Burscough are making something of a marker in the league now as this is the second time in two away games that they have prevailed over supposedly stronger opposition.

It will mark them out as one of the danger teams in the Premier Division, but it shows just what they are capable of and will give them lots of confidence to do better.

Burscough's Prince Ekpolo, who opened the scoring

Skem to return to league action as they face crucial month

SUPPORTERS will be spoiled for choice on Saturday when both Burscough and Skelmersdale play crucial matches.

The Linnets have the second leg of a double headed derby meeting with Charnock Richard at Victoria Park, while Skelmersdale start a month that could be crucial to the eventual outcome of their season with the visit of Ramsbottom United. Both games kick off at 3pm.

Skelmersdale United supporters will be fairly desperate for their football fix, as they have gone two weeks without a competitive game, although they have had a couple of friendly matches.

Saturday saw a game against a Widnes XI played at the JMO Sports Centre in Skelmersdale, despite taking the lead very early on via Dane McCormick they eventually lost 3-2, but in their defence it must be said that manager Dave Powell did field a large number of players on trial. Declan Daniels struck the second Skem goal.

Skelmersdale will have played a second friendly last night Tuesday, October 30), away to North-West Counties side Abbey Hey.

November could be such a crucial month for Skelmersdale because it offers the opportunity to play clubs that are mid or lower table, in fact their two scheduled home games are probably on paper their most difficult.

Ramsbottom have had a good run this season and sit just outside the play-off places, but maybe significantly they have recently lost manager Mark Fell to Lancaster City, plus one or two players have moved on too, so they could be vulnerable.

Next Tuesday (November 6), Skelmersdale make a second trip to Droylsden, the first trip saw the game abandoned because of floodlight failure. The Bloods are only two points ahead of Skem in the league table, so it definitely represents an opportunity for Skem.

Burscough have really found their shooting boots in recent weeks and their last three games have generated 11 goals, largely thanks to Chad Whyte.

Burscough will have played at Charnock Richard last night (Tuesday) and face them again on Saturday.

When the two sides met last season the games were very closely fought, Charnock won their home game, but at Victoria Park they only denied Burscough victory with a last gasp equaliser in a thrilling encounter.

Burscough don't have a mid-week game next week.

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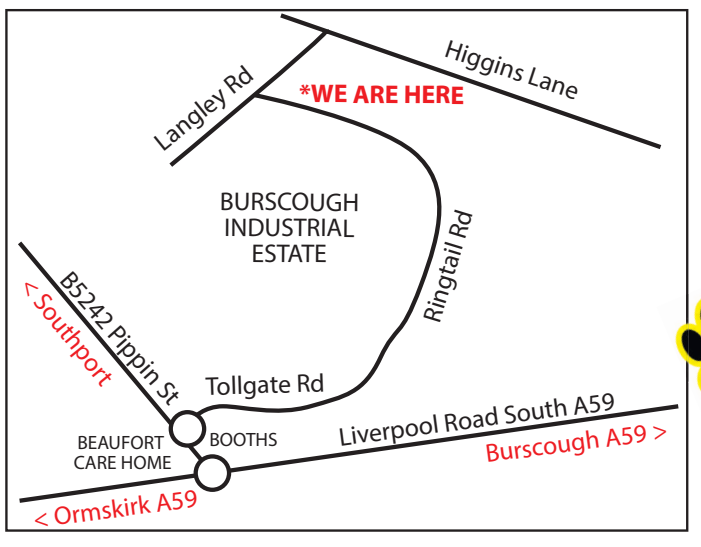

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